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JULY 7 2005

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BATON ROUGE LOUISIANA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, July 7, 2005

Chairman Wayne Sagrera presiding.

Terry Denmon  
Earl King  
Frederic Miller  
Patrick Morrow  
Henry Mouton  
Robert Samanie, III

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Chairman Sagrera called for a motion for approval of the **June 2, 2005 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Samanie and seconded by Commissioner Miller. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements** for this month, Commissioner Denmon noted he provided a copy of an article from a local North Louisiana newspaper entitled "Alarming Facts About the Decline in Young Hunters". It provided statistics on the decline in hunters in general as well as the decline in young hunters. He then asked the other members to keep this in their minds and see if there are things that could enhance hunting opportunities especially for the youth and women. Commissioner Miller advised that he put into the mail an excerpt from a book concerning the proliferation of hunting regulations nationwide especially those in California. This excerpt touched on the same issue Commissioner Denmon talked on. Commissioner Mouton asked Mr. Don Puckett to provide a synopsis on the Lake Maurepas lawsuit at the next meeting. Commissioner King stated he was returning from a fishing trip and stopped to check the tie-downs on his boat and 2 agents stopped and offered their assistance. He commended the Department on the agents' sensitivity training and public relations they do for the user groups. Commissioner King expressed his appreciation for their gesture.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June** began with Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze stating there were 1,932 citations and 375 warnings issued and agents helped with 92 public assists. He noted the agents emphasis for the month was recreational fishing and boating. The Aviation Report showed three aircraft were used for a total of 41.6 hours. Fourteen boating incident reports for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend resulted in 11 injuries and 3 fatalities. There

were media events conducted in an effort to get boating safety out to the public. Commissioner Sagrera asked if 21 DWI arrests was a high or low number? Lt. Col. LaCaze stated it was rather high and noted two mobile command units that works the State each weekend. Commissioner Sagrera then asked if there was a high incidence of alcohol in the fatal boating accidents. Lt. Col. LaCaze agreed and added that 80 percent of the accidents has alcohol as a factor. Commissioner Sagrera commended the Department and added that any efforts that can be made to strengthen it more would be good. The June boating accident report showed 33 accidents and 82 year to date accidents with 11 injuries during June and 44 total for the year. Nine fatalities occurred during June with a total of 22 for the year, which is a bit higher than last year. Three News Releases were included in the packets detailed a boating accident with three fatalities, a felony DWI arrest in St. Charles Parish and offshore patrols of recreational fishing under a Joint Enforcement Agreement with National Marine Fisheries Service.

**Rule Ratification - 2005-2008 Season Dates and Bag Limits** began with Mr. Jimmy Anthony stating there has been no public input over the past month and the Department would not offer any amendments to the Rule. He then urged the Commission to pass the Resolution in its present form. Commissioner King stated he and Commissioner Mouton have received many calls from Area 2 since the last meeting and it pertains to 7 days being taken off the front end of their season. He then asked to equal the with or without days in Area 2 with the still hunting days by giving the dog hunters the days taken from them on the back end. This would create 42 days of still hunting and 43 days of dog hunting. Commissioner King then stated his motion to amend the Rule to add 7 days taken from Area 2 dog hunters and put it on the back end of their season and make it 43 days to make it equal to the 42 days of still hunting which would make it fair and equitable to all hunters. Commissioner Mouton seconded the motion. Commissioner Denmon asked what would this change do to the other seasons. Mr. Anthony stated, by adding a week to the with or without dog seasons, that would run to January 22 and this would change the muzzleloader season to go from January 23 to January 29. He added the Department does not feel this is appropriate since most antlers were falling off and Area 2 has the longest deer season in any area of the State. Mr. Dave Moreland reminded that a week was added last year and the Department did not support that change then. The peak rutting months for Area 2 are late October, November and by the end of December the rut is over. Area 1 and Area 6 the rut is late December, January and even into February. Based on the biology, Mr. Moreland commented they could not support such a late date. Also, the long season takes away from the small game hunting opportunities. Commissioner Miller stated the Commission has flip-flopped over the last 2 months on Area 6 and this same idea came up at the last meeting and was withdrawn. The muzzleloader hunters have seen their season set, no comments have been received, and

would have no idea this change may occur. If this action passed, Commissioner Miller felt the muzzleloader hunters would attend their next meeting giving another opportunity to flip-flop. He added he has not heard one word from Area 2 deer hunters and felt the "flap" has subsided. Commissioner Miller stated this was a non-issue in Area 2 except for a small group of hunters that have called Commissioners King and Mouton. Commissioner King stated he disagreed with Commissioner Miller. He added he has received many calls from his constituents and they were referred back to Commissioner Miller. However, the constituents commented they could not get any satisfaction on dog hunting from Commissioner Miller. Commissioner King noted Area 2 hunters were asking why Area 6 hunters were getting preferential treatment and they even offered to take the dates offered last year. Again, he felt the playing fields needed to be leveled for the dog hunters in Area 2. Mr. Moreland stated that prior to 2004 the deer season ended around January 15, and last year the week was added to the end. Staff took away the week on the end that disrupted the balance which caused a lot of calls and complaints prior to the season setting process. Commissioner King stated that those hunters have called, they have disagreed, they have moaned and expressed their dissatisfaction that those early 7 days were taken away. Again, Commissioner King felt Area 2 hunters should be treated like the Area 6 hunters and be given what they had. Mr. Moreland again stated there were no early days taken away, the week Area 2 dog hunters had was added at the end. In Area 6, the biology was addressed and the hunters were given the month of January to hunt which is their peak rut. Chairman Sagrera asked if the Department's present proposal set back the opening by 7 days? Mr. Moreland answered no, the opening was the same, it was just ending a week earlier. Commissioner Denmon asked if the week given last year was being taken away and going back to the way it has always been? Mr. Moreland stated that was correct, it was going back to the way it has been historically. Commissioner Denmon remarked that he is all for giving additional hunting opportunities as long as it did not interfere with another hunter's rights. But he had a problem with the procedure, in that the Commission would vote on an issue that affected another season and those people never had an opportunity to know about the change. The change that would be needed on the muzzleloader season would not be fair to those hunters, commented Commissioner Denmon. Commissioner King asked that the Area 2 hunters be given back what they had last year and let the dog committee settle the issues when they meet. Commissioner Denmon asked for an explanation of what Area 6 had to do with Area 2. Commissioner King explained that dog hunting rights were taken away from Area 6 hunters, but then was restored. But a week was taken from the front end of Area 2 dog hunters and they expect the same treatment. Commissioner Denmon asked if any days in Area 2 were taken away from the proposal this year from the beginning of the dog season? Commissioner King again stated that a week of the rut was taken from them. Commissioner Denmon did not feel Commissioner King was correct and noted that an extra week was

added last year, but this year the Department did not recommend that extra week and went back to the 50-50 balance between dog hunters and still hunters. Again, Commissioner Denmon noted the procedure was a problem for him. Chairman Sagrera realized that the dog hunters were not having anything taken away from them. Commissioner Mouton stated the still hunters get to hunt from October 1 with a bow and can hunt until January 31. If there was a problem with adding a week to the back, he suggested the still season run from October 29-January 2, the with or without season from January 3-January 15, and then open the muzzleloader on January 16. Mr. Moreland concluded his comments by stating their recommendation was what was presented. Chairman Sagrera felt the most confusing part was the last minute change made last year, and this year again there would be a last minute change. He then asked for public comments and none were heard. The motion failed to pass. At this point, Mr. Anthony read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Denmon made a motion to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Miller. The Chairman then asked for public comments.

Mr. Randy Seibert, Plaquemines Parish, stated he was going to speak on behalf of the bowhunters in Area 6. He asked that the season open on October 1. This year the season was to open on October 1 but for bucks only. The area south of Highway 90, their rut occurs the first week of December and by January 1 their season is over. Again, he asked that the bow season open October 1 south of Highway 90 as it was last year.

Mr. Eugene White, Plaquemines Parish, stated he was also supporting the October 1 opening for either sex bowhunting. He felt everyone was happy with the split that occurred in Area 6 last year and noted it worked with no problem. The way they handle their deer population was by taking all of the does during the month of October.

Mr. Anthony commented that 15 days were added to the bow season south of Highway 90 by extending it from January 31 to February 15. The staff did not take away any days, they only made the first 15 days bucks only, added Mr. Anthony.

Hearing no further comments, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
July 7, 2005

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 7, 2005.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

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Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

#### RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

#### Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

#### §101. General



The Resident Game Hunting Season, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30:1493 (July 2004), LR 31: (July 2005).

**§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008**

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	2005-2008 Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of November <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Day of February	10	20
Rabbit and Squirrel	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Day of February	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season

C. 2005-2008 Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs

1	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Sun. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> Sat. before Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> next to last Sun. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan.
2	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> Next to last Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before last Sat. of Oct.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> Last Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Jan.
3	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Sept. <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 15	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec.	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after Thanksgiving Day  <u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan.	

4	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Mon. after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan.	
5	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY)  <u>OPENS:</u> Day after Christmas Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> (BUCKS ONLY)	<u>OPENS:</u> Day after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec.	
6	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Feb. 15 (1 <sup>st</sup> 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Nov.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Sun. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> Sat. before Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Next to last Sun. of Jan.
7	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct.  <u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov.	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Nov.  <u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	<u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. after Christmas Day

8	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Sept. <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 15	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec.	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan.
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D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Allen	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 8	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Ascension	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Assumption	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Avoyelles	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Beauregard	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 8	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Bienville	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Bossier	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Caddo	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Calcasieu	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 8	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Caldwell	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Cameron	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Catahoula	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Claiborne	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Concordia	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
DeSoto	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
East Baton Rouge	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
East Carroll	Area 4	Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, east of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison Parish line.
	Area 4	Nov. 12-13, 25-27, remainder of the parish
East Feliciana	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Evangeline	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Franklin	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 10-11
Grant	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 10-11
	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Iberia	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 7	Oct. 15-16, Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4
Iberville	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Jackson	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Jefferson	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Jefferson Davis	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Lafayette	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Lafourche	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
LaSalle	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 10-11
	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Lincoln	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Livingston	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Madison	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Morehouse	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 4	Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Natchitoches	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Orleans		Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 4	Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Plaquemines	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Pointe Coupee	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, Dec. 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Rapides	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 10-11
	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Red River	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Richland	Area 4	Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Sabine	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
St. Bernard	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Charles	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Helena	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
St. James	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. John	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Landry	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, Nov. 25-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Martin	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Mary	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 7	Oct. 15-16, Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4
St. Tammany	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Tangipahoa	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Tensas	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Terrebonne	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Union	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Vermilion	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Vernon	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 8	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Washington	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Webster	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
West Baton Rouge	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
West Carroll	Area 5	Nov. 25-26
West Feliciana	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Winn	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex
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Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 1-7 Dec. 1-7 Jan. 1-7
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F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

G. Promotional Hunting Days

1. The following dates are established as promotional hunting days: the 1<sup>st</sup> three days after Thanksgiving Day.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1521 (August 2003), LR 30:1494 (July 2004), LR 31: (July 2005).

Wayne J. Sagrera  
Chairman

**Rule Ratification - General and WMA Hunting Rules & Regulations** began with Mr. Jimmy Anthony stating this was the rule that governed the regulations on WMAs and the general sport hunting. No public input was received and no amendments were suggested. Mr. Anthony asked the Commission to ratify the Resolution. Commissioner Mouton thought the regulations were adopted in May or June in order to be sent to the Legislature. Mr. Anthony explained that those regulations had to be sent to the Oversight Committees for their concurrence and then the Commission could ratify. Mr. Anthony read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Miller made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Samanie seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
July 7, 2005

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 7, 2005.



WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

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Wayne J. Sagrera Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

#### RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

#### Title 76

#### WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

#### Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

#### Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

#### §111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

##### A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and

116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire rifle, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally by licensed hunters from September 1 through the last day of February, during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with a daily limit of five. When taken with a shotgun, steel shot must be used. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with

shot no larger than F steel, and during gun deer seasons, anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap or hat. Recreational nutria hunters must remove each nutria carcass in whole condition from the hunting area, except that nutria may be gutted. Possession of detached nutria parts, including nutria tails, by recreational hunters is illegal. Nutria harvested recreationally may not be pelted nor may such nutria or any nutria parts from recreationally taken nutria be sold, including the tail. Trespassing upon private property for the purpose of taking nutria or other furbearing animals is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265). The Coastwide Nutria Control Program is a separate program and is in no way related to the nutria recreational season. For questions on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, call the New Iberia office (337) 373-0032.

4. Blackbirds and crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 1 with no limit; however crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators and that crows have been implicated in the spread of the West Nile virus in humans.

5. Pheasant. CLOSED.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter in order to harvest an antlerless deer. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow or muzzleloader). Antlerless deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season bag limit for hunters. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

9. Landowner Assistance Deer Tag (LADT)

a. Eligibility for LADT is limited to the following landowners or lessees:

i. License Deer Farmers;

ii. Landowners or lessees with less than 500 acres who have verified deer depredation problems;

iii. Landowners with 40 acres or more enrolled in the Louisiana Forest Stewardship Program; and

iv. Landowners or lessees with 40 or more contiguous acres of forested or marsh land.

b. Each applicant will be assessed a \$25 administrative processing fee. Each hunter must have the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag in his possession while hunting on the property for which the tag was issued and immediately upon kill of an antlerless deer, the hunter must tag the animal through the hock. The deer must be tagged before it is transported from the site of kill and the tag will remain with the deer while the hunter is in route to his domicile. Antlerless deer harvested on property enrolled in LADT does not count in the season bag limit for hunters. For more information, contact any Wildlife Division Regional Office.

#### 10. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

##### a. Definitions

Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and

Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the regulations pamphlet.

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill

with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

11. Bobcat. The hunting of bobcats will be legal only during the open deer season in all deer hunting areas. The legal shooting hours and the legal methods for the taking of bobcats shall be the same as defined for the taking of deer. License requirements shall also be the same for deer. The season limit shall be one.

#### D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. All persons born on or after September 1, 1969 must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to purchase a Basic Hunting License, EXCEPT any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer. Application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries main office building in the city of Baton Rouge. A person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by, and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older, EXCEPT during a statewide youth deer hunt.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey license is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

#### 5. Methods of Taking Resident Game Birds and Quadrupeds

a. It is illegal to intentionally feed, deposit, place, distribute, expose, scatter, or cause to be fed, deposited, placed, distributed, exposed, or scattered raw sweet potatoes to wild game quadrupeds.

b. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take

squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

c. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance Animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the Department, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. For specific details contact a regional office near you. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found destroying commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the Department. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local regional office for details.

7. Threatened and Endangered Species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated Quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, unmarked hogs where legal, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes are protected quadrupeds and may be taken

only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or Discharging Firearms on Public Roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow, muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex Identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the State of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

#### 12. Promotional Hunting Days

a. The following dates are established as promotional hunting days: the 1<sup>st</sup> three days after Thanksgiving Day.

b. Persons availing themselves of promotional hunting days shall be entitled to hunt resident game birds and game quadrupeds (excluding bears), as well as coyotes, bobcats and feral hogs on designated days without the payment of fees and without obtaining any license other than the below referenced letter of permit. Persons wishing to avail themselves of promotional hunting days shall be subject to the following requirements and restrictions:



i. All applicants must be at least sixteen (16) years of age, and not currently under a suspension or revocation of hunting privileges.

ii. All applicants must submit, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Department, such personal information as may be required by the Department including, but not limited to, name, address, date of birth, drivers' license number, and social security number.

iii. No person shall be entitled to apply for or receive more than one (1) letter of permit for promotional hunting days in his or her lifetime.

iv. Any eligible person who applies for the promotional hunting days shall receive a letter of permit from the Secretary.

v. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit must be accompanied by a validly licensed hunter.

vi. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit shall meet all other legal requirements for obtaining a hunting license, including but not limited to, successful completion of a hunter education course.

vii. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit must have in his possession while hunting, a valid hunter education card or certificate.

viii. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit may hunt during all legal hunting hours on the dates recited in the permit, but only during legal hunting hours.

ix. Any person hunting under a letter of permit shall be subject to all of the limitations, restrictions, conditions, laws, and rules and regulations applicable to the holder of a hunting license.

x. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit may hunt any species of resident game birds or game quadrupeds (excluding bears), as well as coyotes, bobcats and feral hogs for which the season is open at the time of the above stated weekends, but only those species for which the season is open at the time of the above stated weekends.

xi. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit may use any gear or method of take which is legal on the above designated weekends.

xii. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit may hunt only resident game birds and game quadrupeds (excluding bears), as well as coyotes, bobcats and feral hogs. All other species are excluded including, but not limited to, migratory game birds.

#### E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on some Federal Refuges (check Refuge regulations) and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take, EXCEPT antlerless harvest on property enrolled in DMAP and LADT does not count in the season bag limit for hunters.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically allowed and EXCEPT in Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area where a legal buck shall be defined as deer with at least 4 points on one side or a deer with unbranched antlers commonly referred to as spikes (no minimum length). To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise allowed.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Except in wildlife management areas, a leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or

unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, other than a muzzleloader, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and may be fitted with magnified scopes. This includes muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, and EXCEPT in Area 6 from October 1-15. Archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Lake Boeuf, and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

(e). to take deer while deer are swimming or while the hunter is in a boat with motor attached in operating position; however, the restrictions in this paragraph shall not apply to any person who has lost one or more limbs.

11. Hunter Orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a hunter orange cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

13. Special Youth Deer Hunt on Private Lands (Either-Sex). See regulations pamphlet for dates. Youths under the age of 16 only. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety

certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Franklin, Madison, St. Helena, Tensas, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Catahoula - East of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, east of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to La. Hwy. 8, south and east of La. Hwy. 8 southwesterly to Parish line.

ii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La. 8.

iii. LaSalle - South of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to U.S. Highway 84, east of U.S. Highway 84 northward to La. Highway 8, south of La. Highway 8 eastward to Parish line.

iv. Livingston - North of I-12.

v. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vi. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

vii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

viii. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

ii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line. South of Mississippi state line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iii. Franklin - All.

iv. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

v. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vi. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany parish line to the Tangipahoa parish line, east of the Tangipahoa parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with La. 25.

vii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Union, Webster, Winn.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 from parish line westward to Kinder, east of U.S. 165 from Kinder northward to La. 10 at Oakdale, north of La. 10 from Oakdale westward to the parish line.

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Catahoula - West of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, west of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to La. Highway 8, north and west of La. Highway 8 southwesterly to Parish line.

iv. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

v. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

vi. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

vii. LaSalle - North of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake, following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to U.S. Highway 84, west of U.S. Highway 84 northward to La. Highway 8, north of La. Highway 8 eastward to Parish line.

viii. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ix. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake.

x. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xi. Vernon - North of La. Highway 10 from the parish line westward to La. 113, south of La. 113 eastward to parish line. Also the portion north of La. 465 west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

### 3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.



b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 from the parish line north to DeRidder and north of U.S. 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - South of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas State line. Also east of La. 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

#### 4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 at Bastrop to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.

#### 5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Martin, Terrebonne, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - All except that portion west of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to Terrebonne Parish line.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1 from Simmesport westward to La. 115 at Marksville, east of La. 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to La. 1 at Simmesport.

ii. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

iii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iv. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

v. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

vi. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

vii. NEW HIGH WATER BENCHMARK CLOSURE. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberia, Iberville, St. Martin, and St. Mary parishes south of Interstate 10, west of the East Guide Levee, east of the West Guide Levee, and north of U.S. Highway 90 will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet at Butte LaRose.

#### 7. Area 7

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia - South of La. 14 and west of U.S. Hwy. 90.

ii. St. Mary - South of U.S. 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, west of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, south of Intracoastal Waterway from Wax Lake Outlet eastward to Terrebonne Parish line.

#### 8. Area 8

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Allen - That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line to U.S. 190, north of U.S. 190 eastward to Kinder,

west of U.S. 165 northward to La. 10 at Oakdale and south of La. 10 from Oakdale westward to parish line.

ii. Beauregard - That portion east of La. 113. Also that portion west of La. 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iii. Calcasieu - That portion east of La. 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to the Texas state line.

iv. Vernon - That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line northward to Pitkin and south of La. 10 from Pitkin southward to the parish line.

#### G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

##### 1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. On days when Daily permits are required, permit stations will open 2 hours before legal shooting hours. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.), wild plants and non-game wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) is prohibited without prior approval from the Baton Rouge Office. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day.

i. Burning of marshes is prohibited. Hunting actively burning marsh prohibited.

j. Nature trails. Trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

k. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

l. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

m. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

n. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

## 2. Permits

a. A WMA Hunting Permit is required for persons aged 18 through 59 to hunt on WMAs.

b. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA after first presenting a valid hunting license to a Department employee. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

c. Self-Clearing Permits. A Self-Clearing Permit is required for ALL ACTIVITIES (hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The Self-Clearing Permit will consist of three portions: CHECK IN, CHECK OUT and a Vehicle Tag. On WMAs where Self-Clearing Permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's activity on the day of the activity (EXCEPT if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted, users need only to check in once during any 72 hour period). Users may check-in one day in advance of use. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and MUST be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted. EACH PERSON MUST leave the Vehicle Tag portion of his permit on the dashboard of the vehicle used to enter into the WMA in such a way that it can be easily read from outside of the vehicle. This MUST be done only when the vehicle is parked and left unattended on the WMA. If an ATV, boat or other type vehicle was used to enter the WMA, then the vehicle tag must be attached to that vehicle in such a manner that it can be readily seen and read. No permit is required of fishers and boaters who do not travel on a WMA road and/or launch on the WMA as long as they do not get out of the boat and onto the WMA. When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. Call the appropriate Region office for the location of the deer check station on these WMAs. (Self-Clearing Permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.)

d. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for any purpose must possess one of the following: a valid Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement. Also a Self-Clearing WMA permit, detailed above, may be required (available at most entrances to each WMA). Check individual WMA listings for EXCEPTIONS.

### 3. Special Seasons

a. Youth Deer Hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of a hunter safety certification, a valid Louisiana hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a

firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate region office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts. NOTE: Some hunts may be by pre-application lottery.

b. Youth Squirrel Hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon and opossum may be taken. Hogs may not be taken. No dogs allowed. All other seasons will remain open to other hunters. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. Self-clearing permits are required. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth squirrel hunts.

c. Youth Mourning Dove Hunt. A youth mourning dove hunt will be conducted on specific WMAs and will follow the same regulations provided for youth deer hunts on the second weekend of the mourning dove season (Saturday and Sunday only). Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth mourning dove hunts.

d. Handicapped Season. An either-sex deer season will be held for hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit on WMAs during the dates specified under the individual WMA. Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons. Pointe-aux-Chenes will have an experimental Lottery Handicapped waterfowl hunt. Contact New Iberia Office, Fur and Refuge Division for details.

e. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact region offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery deer hunts.

f. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations

pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at self-clearing station. Contact Region Offices for more details. Consult separate turkey hunting regulations pamphlet for more details.

g. Waterfowl Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadline. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division Office for more details.

h. Mourning Dove Lottery Hunts. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division Office for more details.

i. Trapping. Permits to take furbearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at region offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office.

j. Raccoon Hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - All nighttime raccoon hunting where allowed is with dogs only. There is no bag limit. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the region office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at region offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

k. Sport Fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT as otherwise specified under individual WMA listings.

l. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Vernon, Evangeline, St. Helena and other parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.



#### 4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas and except as may be permitted for authorized trappers).

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs EXCEPT during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads, ATV trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

#### 5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas the daily limit shall be one antlered deer and one antlerless deer (when legal) per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included).

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same

day of kill. Deer may not be skinned or have any external body parts removed including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed. Permanent tree stands are any stands that use nails, screws, spikes, etc., to attach to trees are strictly prohibited. Portable deer stands (those that are designed to be routinely carried by one person) may not be left on WMAs unless the stands are removed from trees and left in a non-hunting position (a non-hunting position is one in which a hunter could not hunt from the stand in its present position). Also, all stands left must be legibly tagged with the user's name, address, phone number and Big Game Hunting License number (or Lifetime License Number). No stand may be left on any WMA prior to the day before deer season opens on that WMA and all stands must be removed from the WMA within one day after the close of deer hunting on that WMA. Free standing blinds must be disassembled when not in use. Stands left will not reserve hunting sites for the owner or user. All portable stands, blinds, tripods, etc. found unattended in a hunting position or untagged will be confiscated and disposed of by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. LDWF not be responsible for unattended stands left on an area.

g. Hunting from utility poles, high tension power lines, oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

m. Horses and mules may be ridden on Wildlife Management Areas except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited EXCEPT for quail hunting or as otherwise specified.

n. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) also must wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel. ALSO all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

o. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

p. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

q. Muzzleloader season for deer. Either-sex unless otherwise specified. See WMA deer schedule.

## 6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for the mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. Permits must be obtained from the New Iberia office.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by State and Federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

#### 7. Restricted Areas

a. For your safety, ALL oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting, hog hunting and bird dog training when allowed; see individual WMA season listings for WMAs that allow dogs. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires are prohibited on a WMA.

b. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

c. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

d. Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

e. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft "mud crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexander State Forest WMA.

f. No internal combustion engines allowed in certain Greentree reservoirs.

g. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

h. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

i. Licensed motorized vehicles (LMVs) legal for highway use, including motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads as indicated on WMA maps. ATVs are restricted to marked ATV trails only, EXCEPT when WMA roads are closed to LMVs. ATVs may then use those roads until they are reopened for LMV traffic. WMA maps available at all region offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles. NOTE: All ATV trails are marked with signs and/or paint, but not all ATV trails appear on WMA maps.

j. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons is restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees are restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps or as marked by sign and/or paint. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons under the age of 60 must apply for and obtain a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit from the Department.

k. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Entrances to ATV trails that are open all year long will be marked with purple paint. The end of all ATV trails will be marked by red paint. WMA maps serve only as a general guide to the route of most ATV trails, therefore all signage and paint marking as previously described will be used to determine compliance. Deviation from this will constitute a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

l. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition, construction or wet weather.

m. ATVs, and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM, EXCEPT raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only. ATVs are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 EXCEPT certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes and some ATV trails will be open all year long on certain WMAs.

n. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

o. Hunters over the age of 59 and those with a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit are allowed to retrieve their own downed deer and hogs with the aid of an ATV except on Thistlethwaite WMA under the following conditions:

i. No firearms or archery equipment is in possession of the retrieval party or on the ATV;

ii. The retrieval party may consist of no more than one ATV and one helper;

iii. ATVs may not be used to locate or search for wounded game or for any other purpose than retrieval of deer and hogs once they have been legally harvested and located.

#### 10. Commercial Activities.

a. Hunting Guides/Outfitters: No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any Wildlife Management Area, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

b. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval from Baton Rouge office or unless otherwise specified.

c. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs EXCEPT commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

11. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

12. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult

regulations pamphlet. Unless otherwise specified under a specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited.

13. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet. Hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited on all WMAs EXCEPT for Atchafalaya Delta, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador/Timken and Wisner WMAs. Consult specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMA regulations. Unmarked hogs may be taken during any legal hunting season on designated WMAs by properly licensed hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Hunters may harvest hogs during the month of March on Pass-a-Loutre WMA only by using shotguns with shot no larger than BB lead or F steel, or .22 caliber rimfire firearms. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs, EXCEPT unmarked hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs on Pearl River and Red River WMAs (consult Pearl River and Red River WMAs regulations) by permit from either the Baton Rouge or Ferriday Offices and all hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions and hunters may use centerfire pistols in addition to using guns allowed for season in progress.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, incidental take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA. However, crows, blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds may not be taken before September 1 or after January 2.

17. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations:

a. Acadiana Conservation Corridor.

b. Alexander State Forest. From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call 318-487-5172 or 318-487-5058 for information on burning schedules. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

c. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time.



ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited EXCEPT as permitted for authorized WMA trappers.

- d. Attakapas.
- e. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.
- f. Bayou Pierre
- g. Bens Creek
- h. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.
- i. Big Lake.
- j. Biloxi.
- k. Bodcau.
- l. Boeuf.
- m. Buckhorn.
- n. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year. All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.
- o. Clear Creek (formerly Boise-Vernon).
- p. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.
- q. Elbow Slough. Steel shot only for all hunting.
- r. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.
- s. Floy Ward McElroy.
- t. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year. New special regulations apply to ATV users.
- u. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Region Office. No hunting in restricted area.

v. Jackson-Bienville. Beginning September 1, 2004, ATVs are allowed ONLY on non-public maintained gravel roads and marked ATV trails.

w. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

x. Lake Boeuf. Hunting allowed until 12:00 noon on all game EXCEPT during Youth Lottery Hunt. All nighttime activities prohibited.

y. Lake Ramsey. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

z. Little River.

aa. Loggy Bayou.

bb. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

cc. Maurepas Swamp.

dd. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping and ATV use during duck season including early teal season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ee. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

ff. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

gg. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self-Clearing

Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

hh. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for mourning dove hunting and youth lottery deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. All boats powered by engines having horsepower ratings above 25 h.p. are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue unless authorized by the Department. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the Department.

ii. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per boat or group daily.

jj. Red River. Recreational crawfishing allowed on Yakey Farms wetland restoration projects February 1 to the last day of February, 100 pounds per person per day, maximum of five wire traps per person. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

kk. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

ll. Sabine.

mm. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

nn. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and "Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with four cylinders or less is permitted in interior ditches from first Saturday in September through January and may be further permitted. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

oo. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas.

pp. Sherburne. Crawfishing: Recreational crawfishing only on the South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River

levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

qq. Sicily Island Hills.

rr. Soda Lake. No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer and falconry.

ss. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: recreational only. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

tt. Tangipahoa Parish School Board. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed.

uu. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

vv. Three Rivers.

ww. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area. North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

xx. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

yy. West Bay.

zz. Wisner.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000), LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28:1603 (July 2002), LR 29:1124 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1522 (August 2003), LR 30:1495 (July 2004), LR 31: (July 2005).

Wayne J. Sagrera  
Chairman

Mr. Mike Olinde handled the next item, **Tentative Dates for Early Season Migratory Birds (Dove, Rail, Snipe, Woodcock and Teal)**. In regards to the dove season, a dove focus meeting was held at the beginning of June as well as other meetings to discuss the possibility of zoning the state. The Eastern Management Unit made a recommendation, which was seconded by the Mississippi Flyway Council, to allow zoning without a September 20 opening date restriction for the south zone. But the SRC did not accept that recommendation since the recommendations among the Management Units were not consistent. A pilot banding study was ongoing in 27 states with Louisiana participating in an effort to manage the harvest of doves using a science. The Department's recommendation on dove season was a 70 day season, daily bag of 12 and possession limit of 24 and the dates of September 3-September 11, October 8-November 13 and December 17-January 9. Shooting hours for mourning doves would be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset except for opening weekends of each segment. Another issue discussed was having white-winged doves included in the bag limit, but the request was received after the Eastern Management Unit Technical Committee had met. The item has been added to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting. In reference to teal season, Mr. Olinde stated that at least the count must reach 3.3 million to have a 9 day season or 4.7 million to have a 16 day season. This year the estimate was 4.58 million teal which will give Louisiana a 9 day season which will occur the last 2 weekends of September. Portions of the rail and gallinule seasons will run concurrent with the teal season of September 17-September 25. Teal bag limit will be 4 and possession limit of 8. King and clapper rail limits will be 15 in aggregate and possession of 30; limits for sora and virginia will be 25 daily and possession in aggregate; and gallinule bag limit will be 15 in aggregate and possession of 30. Woodcock season will have the traditional dates of December 18-January 31 with a 3 bird bag and 6 bird possession limit. The snipe season was deferred until the August meeting. Mr. Olinde then noted falconers can hunt migratory birds with falconry for 107 days. Extended seasons have never been provided for migratory birds, but this year the opportunity will be offered and those dates were included in the packets. The additional mourning dove dates would be September 12-October 7 and November 14-November 24. For woodcock, the additional dates would be October 29-December 17 and February 1-February 12. Daily bag limit in aggregate for falconry is 3 and 6 birds possession limit. Shooting and hawking

hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset for these migratory birds.

Commissioner Denmon asked for the teal count again and Mr. Olinde stated it was 4.58 million up from 4.1 million last year. Commissioner Denmon then asked if there was information that indicated the numbers of birds was higher during the requested time rather than the week before. Mr. Robert Helm stated the 9 day teal season has always began on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September and was just a toss of the dice on migration. Again Commissioner Denmon asked if there was data that showed, on average, there was more teal one week than the week before. Mr. Helm commented they do not do weekly surveys. Commissioner Mouton asked how many teal does it take for a 16 day season? Mr. Helm answered 4.7 million and this was the goal for the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. Commissioner Miller asked why were the falcon hunters allowed to hunt into February when the gun hunters had to stop at the end of January. Mr. Olinde stated these dates were within the framework and did not think too many falconers would hunt woodcock. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Sagraera asked Mr. Olinde to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Mr. Olinde noted that these dates are tentative, but they have to be sent to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service before August 1. Commissioner Denmon made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

#### RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
July 7, 2005

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting in Baton Rouge, LA, July 7, 2005.

- WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, DC have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and
- WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby adopt the presented tentative season dates for migratory birds which are made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

- (1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and
- (2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

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Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

**Declaration of Emergency - Set 2005-2006 Fur Trapping Season** began with a report by Mr. Edmond Mouton on the 2004-05 trapping season and the Coastwide Nutria Control Program. A detailed packet was included in the packets, but he went through a brief presentation. The first graph shown was on the number of trapping licenses over the last 10 years with 1567 sold this past year. The trend on license sales follows the pelt value and nutria harvest. During 2004-2005 season, over 60,000 pelts were valued at over \$500,000. Pelts from the Coastwide Nutria Control Program (CNCP) added over 297,000 which increased the value to \$1.7 million. The top 5 furs, otter, nutria, bobcat, raccoon and mink contributed to 97 percent of the value of the furs. A brief summary on the CNCP showed a total of 297,535 nutria tails were collected for a value of \$1.19 million from 310 participants. Parishes with the most participants were Terrebonne, Lafourche, Plaquemines, Vermilion and St. Mary. A slide was shown of nutria damaging the marsh and how it progressively got worse. Season results over the last three years



showed the number of participants dropped some, the number of tails has averaged over 300,000 and the total payments. Mr. Mouton added that the CNCP provides a direct economic impact to these areas by giving \$4 incentive to the trappers. The next slide was a listing of parishes and the number of tails harvested with Terrebonne and Plaquemines Parishes being the top two parishes. Hurricane Ivan, that came through Plaquemines, St. Bernard and Jefferson Parishes, wiped out between 40,000 to 50,000 nutria last year. Next slide was the method of take, noting 54 percent were shot and 38 percent were trapped during the passed year. A summary of the year prior to CNCP along side the last three years of the program was shown. Mr. Mouton felt the program has drastically increased nutria harvest in Louisiana to at least 300,000 per year and this has resulted in fewer nutria damaged areas in coastal Louisiana. A map of southeast Louisiana was shown noting the most damaged areas. In southwest Louisiana, there was not as much nutria damage, however some does occur in Vermilion Parish.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Morrow asked how was the program funded? Mr. Mouton stated funding was through the Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection Restoration Act (CWPPRA) and there are two more years of funding on this plan. In October, another 5 years of funding will be requested. Chairman Sagrera asked what was the cost of the contract? Mr. Mouton stated the budget was \$2.5 million per year with \$1.6 million going to buying tails, paying the contractor 82 cents per tail and the remainder of the money was administrative. Chairman Sagrera stated one of the muskrat damage sites was his property and felt a bounty would not encourage anyone to trap muskrat. Hearing no further questions, Mr. Mouton read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner King made a motion to accept the Resolution, it was seconded by Commissioner Mouton and passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

#### **RESOLUTION**

##### **2005-2006 Fur Trapping Season adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:259(A) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of nongame quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically led the nation in the production of wild fur with value to the trappers as high as \$24 million in some seasons, and

WHEREAS, the harvest of this renewable resource is important in providing supplemental income to citizens of the state while furnishing an essential management tool to reduce nuisance wildlife problems, property damage, the impact of prey species, the incident of density dependent disease and provide a measure of population health and general condition, and

WHEREAS, regulated trapping provides the only practical control of muskrat and nutria populations, an essential part of any effort to protect or enhance coastal wetlands. The role of such trapping cannot be overstated because of the rate of wetland loss and the impact that these wetland grazers are having in southeastern parishes, and

WHEREAS, during the 2005-2006 trapping season the department will continue the Coastwide Nutria Control Program providing an incentive payment of \$4.00 per nutria tail to participants for up to 400,000 nutria with the objective of reducing damage to coastal wetlands, and

WHEREAS, the increased commercial harvest of beaver can play a major role in assisting in the reduction of damage to timber, agriculture, drainage, and wildlife habitat, and

WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum time frame for the harvest of furbearers is between November and March each year, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2005-2006 trapping season, statewide from November 20, 2005 through March 31, 2006, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the trapping season on all of the Department's Wildlife Management Areas will be opened from November 20, 2005, through March 31, 2006, except the Acadiana Conservation Corridor, Floy Ward McElroy, Elbow Slough and Sandy Hollow WMAs where the trapping season will remain closed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does

hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the trapping season in any area of the state, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2005-2006 trapping season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

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Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:259(A) which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of non-game quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year and in accordance with emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2005-2006 trapping season, statewide from November 20, 2005 through March 31, 2006 including all Department Wildlife Management Areas except Acadiana Conservation Corridor, Floy Ward McElroy, Elbow Slough and Sandy Hollow where the trapping season will remain closed. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the adopted season.

Wayne J. Sagrera  
Chairman

Before moving on to the next item, Commissioner Denmon stated he and Commissioner Miller started working on tentative dates for waterfowl even before knowing the framework. He thought it was to be an item for discussion at this meeting which would allow the public the opportunity to comment on those seasons because they have not had an opportunity before. Commissioner Denmon would like to modify the agenda and add this item to the agenda. Mr. Moore stated that they are prepared to discuss these dates at this time. Mr. Helm stated that they have developed recommendations for consideration. The Commission requested some season options and were provided to you. In the ensuing weeks the Commission asked that they provide recommendations so that the public can comment or consider those recommendations during the next thirty days. The federal framework is not provided. It should be completed just prior to the August Commission meeting because of the surveys.

This is an effort by the Commission to get the duck season dates out to the public just prior to the August meeting. Mr. Helm is prepared to present season recommendations for the duck season only for both zones, 60-day option and 45-day option. Commissioner Denmon made a motion to modify the agenda to place this item on the agenda to take the action as the intent to adopt from those recommendations the framework of the season dates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion was carried. Secretary Landreneau stated that it has been published in the newspapers. Commissioner Denmon would like to get the options to the public. Commissioner Mouton stated that he has received the recommendations and has received a lot of comments back. He likes the idea of two options for the 60-day and two options for the 45-day. Commissioner Miller also received the Department recommendations of the dates recommended. One comment he has heard is that the duck hunters want as much information as we can provide them so that they can comment on the season. Mr. Puckett stated that they can get the information out through news release. Commissioner Denmon stated that we should take the information that Mr. Helm has given the Commission and put these dates in the news release so that the public can make the comments. Commissioner Miller also stated that he would like to have the same information placed on the website. Mr. Moore stated to the Commissioner that the Department would like to stick with one recommendation and let the public come to you with other recommendations. This will allow the Commission to make the recommendations. Commissioner Morrow disagreed with Mr. Moore. He stated that they are seeking information from the hunters. Making more than one recommendation would generate more dialogue from the public. Commissioner Mouton suggested that there be more than one recommendation on the website and newspaper. Mr. Moore asked if we can specify a Department recommended date and list the other dates. Commissioner Sagrera stated that as long as the Department phrases it that way and list the others as options, he is okay with it. It should also state that this is contingent upon federal guidelines. Commissioner Denmon agreed with Mr. Moore. He stated that if the Department gives the public a recommendation on both set of days, this is what it should be. If you give them another scenario, you are indicating that there are other options and there are an infinite number of options. More scenarios would tend to confuse the public than to help them. Commissioner Miller stated that in order to ease confusion, he has analyzed the 60-day recommendation that the Department has made. It is virtually identical to the season set last year. The more options we put out there the more confused the public will be. He has recommended that the Commission go with the one recommendation. Commissioner Mouton strongly disagreed. Commissioner Sagrera said that he would not like to disagree with Commissioner Miller. The hunters in Southwest Louisiana are mostly grey duck and teal hunt, and they are there early in the year. No one has expressed an objection to November 12. It will not be receptive to propose anything later than that. If this is the Department's recommendation, there will not be very much confusion. The public will have thirty days to

comment on the recommendations. Commissioner King stated that he is happy with those dates recommended by the Department. Commissioner Samanie agrees with Department recommendation. Commissioner Denmon made a motion to recommend the Department to get the recommended dates out to the public and explaining that these dates will be adopted at the next meeting. Commissioner King seconded the motion. Commissioner Morrow disagrees. He stated that we are seeking the input of the public. He would like the public to know that there are different scenarios out there. Commissioner Morrow made a motion that the Department publicize the four options as delineated in Mr. Helm's e-mail to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mouton. Commissioner Denmon asked Commissioner Morrow if instead of giving a second scenario, if the Department would explain it in some narrative form, will it satisfy him? Commissioner Morrow stated that he is okay with that. His motion will include the four options and the recommendation of the Department. Commissioner Mouton stated that we either put out the options or do not do anything. Commissioner Denmon stated that the press release was to contain a full explanation of all the options that were available. Mr. Moore stated that we can word the announcement that ask the public to respond to recommendations of the department to the department and to the Commission. Commissioner King asked for a copy of the releases that were sent out to the different sources.

A roll call vote on the substitute motion was taken. The substitute motion failed four to three. On the original motion - Commissioner Miller asked that the press release state that the Commission will consider these dates. The original motion was voted on. The motion passed. The Department is recommending the following dates: West Zone, 60 day - November 12-December 4 and December 17-January 22; East Zone, 60 day - November 19-December 4 and December 17-January 29; West Zone, 45 day - November 12-November 27 and December 17-January 14; East Zone, 45 day - November 19-November 27 and December 17-January 21.

Commissioner King stated that the one hen mallard daily bag approach may be one thing that the public may want to comment on. Mr. Moore stated that the Department does not have a recommendation on this. It can be discussed in the press release and should state that it is under consideration.

Ms. Marianne Burke provided the Commissioners with the **Public Information Video Update**. Ms. showed a video of what the Public Information Section has done since February 2005 to June 2005. The Publications Unit produced the Employment and Recruitment Brochure and two issues of the Conservationist, March/April and May/June. The News and Media Relation Unit published 146 news releases. The Audio Visual Unit produced the video chronicling the cadet agent training academy and department overview video. The Audit Visual

Unit also shot footage for a promotional segment on the Outdoor Channel with Secretary Landreneau.

Mr. Marty Bourgeois presented a **Resolution of the 2205 Fall Shrimp Season** to the Commission for consideration which would authorize Secretary Landreneau to open the Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in the event that marketable shrimp in sufficient quantities are available to harvest before the August 4 meeting. Commissioner Samanie made the motion to give the Secretary the authority. Commissioner King seconded. Motion passed.

**Resolution - 2005 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season**

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2005 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season  
adopted by the  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

July 7, 2005

- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides that shrimp season openings shall be based on biological and technical data which indicate that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities, are available for harvest, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may delegate to the Secretary the powers, duties and authorities to fix open seasons for all or part of the state waters, and
- WHEREAS, significant numbers of juvenile white shrimp have recruited into inside waters much earlier this spring when compared with historic data and rapid growth may occur provided favorable environmental conditions exist, and
- WHEREAS, current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in inside waters may potentially reach marketable sizes and average 100 count per pound minimum possession size or larger on or before the August 4<sup>th</sup> monthly Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with public notification provisions specified in R.S. 56:497, that the Commission authorizes the Secretary, through Declaration of Emergency, to open and close the 2005 fall shrimp season in inside waters provided technical and biological data indicate that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities are available for harvest, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate a Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates if biological or technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop and to close and reopen all or parts of state outside waters if significant numbers of small white shrimp are found in these waters.

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Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **November 2005 Meeting** on Thursday, November 3, 2005, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Sagrera then asked for **Public Comments**.

Mr. Joseph Kirkland stated that he was present to discuss non-human primates being put on the list of potentially dangerous quadrupeds. He apologized for not being at the last Commission meeting to discuss this issue. He was not aware of this. Jim and Juanita Clark has property in Louisiana and would like to retire and come home at some time. Same for he and his wife who has inherited some land in North Louisiana. The one thing about adding the all non-human primates is that there is a 600 pound gorillas to one pound marmosets What he would like for the Commission to do is to break them into groups. He has given the Commission copies of letters from laboratories that does viral scans across the country on these monkeys and the others letters are from different states health departments. These monkeys are not health risk. They are more susceptible to catch diseases from us than we are from them. All of their monkeys are clean. They are safe from the public. They are expensive. They are new world monkeys. They come from Central and South America. They have 95% DNA as we have. We are asking that you make categories out of some of these monkeys, and not place them all on the list of potentially dangerous quadrupeds. Chairman Sagrera asked that Mr. Kirkland meet with someone in the

Department. Mr. Moore will meet with Mr. Kirkland after the Commission meeting.

Mr. Robert Campo submitted a letter of intent to open some outside wild reefs in the Lake Borgne area, and to have this placed on the August agenda.

There being no further business, Commissioner King made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Miller.

  
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Dwight Landreneau  
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The attached is the transcript you requested in very rough format. Thanks.

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TRANSCRIPT FROM JULY 7, 2005 COMMISSION MEETING

Chairman Sagrera: Next item on the agenda is Rule Ratification, 2005-2008 Season Dates and Bag Limits, Mr. Jimmy Anthony.

Mr. Anthony: Good morning Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I have two resolutions for your consideration today. The first one we will take up is the season dates rule. We have been through 120 day comment period now from the public. This past month we've had no public input on season dates, last month, there was only one. So at this time, the Department is not going to offer any amendments to the Rule and we urge you to pass this Resolution as is.

Chairman Sagrera: Comments from the Commission?

Commissioner King: Yes, does this have to do with the deer seasons?

Mr. Anthony: Yes, all season dates.

Commissioner King: Mr. Chairman, I have a comment.

Chairman Sagrera: Commissioner King.

Commissioner King: Commissioner Mouton and I have had several calls, have had many, many calls from Area 2 particularly since our last meeting and it has to do with 7 days taken off the front end of their season. These are for dog hunters. I would like to make a motion to equate the with or without days in Area 2 with the still hunters days giving the dog hunters the 7 days that were taken away from them on the back end. This will create 42 days of still hunting and 43 days of dog hunting and it effectively adds days back that were taken away on the front end. They do not want to be contentious, they just say, let's be fair with the still hunters. Give us our 7 days on the back end and we will be happy with that modification and ratification. And so, do I make a motion on that? I make a motion to amend to add 7 days taking away from the Area 2 dog hunters to the back end of their seasons equating the days, 42 days of still hunting, 43 days of dog hunting and that will equate the days. And it will also put these hunters on an equal playing field that the Area 6 dog hunters got on at the last meeting. We need to be fair and equitable to everybody. If we have taken 7 days away from the dog hunters in Area 2 on the front end, all they are asking us is for us to give it to them 7 days on the back end. I think it is fair and equitable to do so and I would offer this as a motion.

Commissioner Mouton: I'll second it.

Chairman Sagrera: A motion from Commissioner King.

Commissioner Mouton: I'll second his motion.

Chairman Sagrera: A second by Commissioner Mouton. Any comment from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Denmon: Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Sagrera: Commissioner Denmon.

Commissioner Denmon: What does this do to the other seasons? Jimmy can you tell us the answer.

Mr. Anthony: Well, if you add a week to the with or without dog season, that would run to January 22. That would move the muzzleloader seasons starting the 23<sup>rd</sup> and running to the 29<sup>th</sup>. The Department does not feel like this is appropriate. We are already pushing the envelope on these deer. They are dropping their antlers this time of year. Area 2 already has the longest deer season of any area in the state, 93 days. Now we are going to push 100.

Mr. Moreland: Let me add a few more comments to what Jimmy also said. We do not support this recommendation, last year it was added, the week was added to the '04 season and we did not support it then. Deer seasons are set to coincide with the peak of the rutting activity. Area 2 the peak months are late October, November, the end of December the rut is over as Jimmy said, the bucks are losing their antlers. We historically run that season through the first of January and then around mid-January we shut it down. Area 1 and 6, that rut is late December, January and even into February. So it is a different biology and so based upon the biology we cannot support extending the Area 2 to such a late date. Also as Jimmy mentioned, I think, with the long season it takes away from the small game hunting opportunities that would be available for the Area 2 hunters. Some of that late season squirrel hunting and quail hunting, those type of activities.

Commissioner Miller: Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Sagrera: Commissioner Miller.

Commissioner Miller: We went through for the past 2 meetings flip flopping on Area 6 on what we were going to do or not do about deer season in Area 6. This motion, this idea or motion came up last meeting and was withdrawn. The muzzleloader hunters have seen their season set, there has been no comment, they have absolutely no idea that this is about to take place. It will either, if you leave it alone, it will either be in total conflict with the muzzleloader season or you will move the muzzleloader season back. So by taking this action this time, then we can all wait and

happily visit with the muzzleloader hunters at the next meeting, giving us another opportunity to flip flop.

Commissioner King: Well, let me ask you this? I'm sorry, are you finished?

Commissioner Miller: No, sir I wasn't.

Commissioner King: Okay, let me apologize.

Commissioner Miller: Contrary to Commissioner Mouton and Commissioner King, I have not heard one single word from the deer hunters in Area 2 since meeting before last. The flap, if you want to call it as such, seems to be subsided in Area 2. Mr. King and Mr. Mouton must be the dog Commissioners because I have not heard one single word from any dog hunters or still hunters in Area 2 and I probably see more deer hunters at the grocery store in any given week than Commissioner Mouton or Commissioner King see or hear from in a month. And this is a non-issue in Area 2 with the exception of the small group of folks who are calling Commissioner King and Commissioner Mouton.

Commissioner King: Mr. Chairman.

Commissioner Miller: I'm done Mr. King.

Chairman Sagrera: Okay, Commissioner King.

Commissioner King: I disagree with Commissioner Miller. I have had many calls from his constituents and his groups. I am sure Mr. Mouton has and I have referred them back to Commissioner Miller. I said, you know that is Commissioner Miller's belly wick, you know you live near him, he is your Commissioner, you call him. Well we can't get any satisfaction from Commissioner Miller about dogs, he hates dogs. And that is their quote, not mind. Okay? So, I listen to them and particularly since this Area 6 thing that went on last month with this House Concurrent Resolution. They are wondering why Area 6 deer hunters are getting preferential, they are willing to take the dates they had last year, if you want to give them back that 7 days in the rut and then it won't interfere with anything. They just thought it would be less contentious by taking it on the back, but if ya'll want, what we need to do is level the playing field for the dog hunters in Area 6 the same way we did last meeting, level the playing field with the dog hunters of Area 2. You took those 7 days away on the front, give it back to them on the front. They want to know why Area 6 dog hunters are getting preferential treatment and they had things taken away and they commented on them and they didn't go get an HCR with a legislator, but they could've. They are asking us to be fair and equitable with them and I think we need to do that and if the defense is, not, going back 7 days in the back is not good, well

let's give them what they had. All they wanted is what they had, the same way Area 6 folks wanted what they had, Dave.

Mr. Moreland: Well, prior to 2004, the deer season ended around January 15. Last year, the week was added to the end, Mr. King, it wasn't added to the front.

Commissioner King: What you are dealing with is last year. That is what they were happy with and that is what you took away.

Mr. Moreland: We took away that week on the end that disrupted the balance that we had had in Area 2 which caused a lot of calls and complaints prior to the season setting process. We've gone through the season setting process and have allowed people to have their turn to speak and address that issue and we've addressed that issue.

Commissioner King: And they have called and they have addressed and they have been in here and they have addressed and they have disagreed and they have moaned and dispresed their satisfaction in no certain ways about those early 7 days taken away. Okay? If you can't give us 7 days in the back which is less contentious, which they thought would be less contentious, okay, then at least treat them as good as you did in Area 6 and give them what they had.

Mr. Moreland: Well, again there was no early days taken away. The week that Area 2 dog hunters got was added to the end. Now what we have done with Area 6 is try to address the biology in Area 6 and give the hunters in Area 6 the entire month of January to hunt which is their peak rut. But in Area 2, the rut is dying down and it is basically over withe for the most part.

Commissioner King: All they want to do, is if you've given Area 6 back their opening dates, they want to know why Area 2 can't have their open dates, same as Area 6, you know. They say we will take them on the back end, but if you don't want to do that, let's give them the same thing they had last year and then we will let this dog commission that is coming around in January solve all of these issues. Give them back what they had and then everybody will be happy. They will be happy. You won't interrupt your, you won't add 7 days to the muzzleloader, you won't have to give them 7 days, give it on the front end what they had, they'll be happy with that. They are really happy with that. And that shouldn't disturb any biology, it's only doing what you did for Area 6 for Area 2.

Chairman Sgrera: With the Department's present proposal, are we setting back the opening 7 days?

Mr. Moreland: Not for Area 2, no. The Area 2 season is the same opening as it has been. It is just ending a week earlier because basically the deer season is over with.

Chairman Sagrera: ...you are not really taking anything off of the front either. The front remains...

Commissioner King: Oh yes.

Mr. Moreland: There was nothing taken off the front in Area 2. There has been nothing.

Chairman Sagrera: Well that is why I don't understand the...

Commissioner Denmon: Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Sagrera: Excuse me, Commissioner Denmon.

Commissioner Denmon: Dave, correct me if I am wrong. I am just thinking about what we did. Basically all we did, all of the Department's proposal that has been open to comment would be to take away the week that we gave them last year, right? And so, you are really back to the way it's always been.

Mr. Moreland: That is correct, it is back to the way it has historically, the Area 2 season has always run.

Commissioner Denmon: I'm for creating hunting opportunity. I say that at every meeting, so if there is some way to give the dog hunters an additional week to hunt, I'm for that. So long as it is not interfering with someone else's right. But my, and I would like to vote for this, and I would vote for it except that mostly I have a problem with procedure. And this was an issue that came up before, and we have asked the Department and I think the Secretary has agreed that we would do this before next year, was to get some type of written rules on these procedures so that we could put these issues on the table for everyone to see and then we would come and vote them up or down. And so you would not be voting on some issue that affected some other season but those people never had a right, never had an opportunity to know that they were even being voted on. Because last year I know I hunted the late muzzleloading season on a place that you inspected I know Dave, and in the early muzzleloading season, it was pretty good hunting. But in the late muzzleloading season, you couldn't hardly see a deer, much less a buck. And, so we just abandoned it and I'm afraid if you move that season back another week, you know, that late muzzleloading season then becomes to nothing. I mean, it is just not a deer season any more, its too late, its getting warmer and the deer are not moving for whatever reason, I don't know that, I don't know enough about deer biology to know that, so if you take these muzzleloader hunters, and I don't even know how many of them there are, and you take these muzzleloader hunters and you stick them back one week, and they didn't even know it was coming. The first time they are going to know about it is when they read about it in the paper in the morning. Then, I am not sure that is fair to the muzzleloader hunter, Commissioner King. That is my point to

it. If there was some way to give the extra week of dog season, I'm all for that.

Commissioner King: Well, let's give them back the same dates they had last year.

Commissioner Denmon: That's what your motion is, as I understand it, to give them back what they had last year.

Commissioner King: Let's give them back, if we gave Area 6 dog hunters what they had last year, let's give the Area 2 dog hunters exactly what they had last year. Not what they had the year before last, but what they had last year and let the dog commission settle these issues when they meet after deer season in January and February.

Commissioner Denmon: In response to your comment there Commissioner King, can somebody, the Department, or the Commission or whoever it would be, explain to me what Area 6 actually has to do with Area 2?

Commissioner King: Well we took away some dog hunting rights and then we restored them. Then we took away some dog hunting rights from Area 2, took a week away on the front end of the season and they had a lot to say about it. So, when we restored everybody's dog rights in Area 6, Area 2 expects the same level playing field as we gave...

Commissioner Denmon: Yes, but we didn't take away a week on Area 2 in the front end, did we? That was the question I asked a while ago, did I misunderstand...

Commissioner King: Yes we did. Yes we did. A week in the peak rut is what they kept saying.

Mr. Moreland: I think what Mr. King is referring to is the recent issue concerning the hunting deer with dog in the Basin where there was going to be some reduction in hunting deer with dog in the Basin and then that was reversed.

Commissioner Denmon: Forget, forget, if you will excuse me a minute, I believe I still...Let's forget Area 6...

Commissioner King: Alright.

Commissioner Denmon: Y'all confusing me here which is easily done by the way. Let's go back to Area 2 where the issue is. We didn't take away anything in our proposal this year from the beginning of the dog season, did we?

Commissioner King: Yes we did.

Commissioner Denmon: We did?

Commissioner King: Yes.

Commissioner Denmon: I don't think so.

Commissioner King: We took away a week of the rut from them that they had before.

Commissioner Denmon: No, no that is not right. What happened is last year we tacked on an extra week at the end of the dog season and this year the Department took, did not recommend that going back to basically the 50-50 balance between dogs and still hunters. Is that right?

Mr. Moreland: That is correct, Mr. Denmon. The opening day for Area 2 hunting deer with dogs is the same as it has been.

Commissioner Denmon: Yes...

Mr. Moreland: If you go back 20 years ago, I think the dog season did open the day after Thanksgiving, if you go back to the 60's and early 70's. But since that time, that has changed and we've gone to the opening in the first weekend there of December for hunting deer with dogs.

Commissioner Denmon: Well again, I will conclude with this, I know this is going on, it's a procedure with me. It is not, I would like to give the guys extra dog hunting days but our procedure is wrong with it.

Chairman Sagrera: Well I think it is an eye opener for me too because I was also under the impression that we were taking away a week in the front, but actually we are not taking anything away.

Commissioner King: They are losing 7 days somewhere. Henry's figured it out.

Commissioner Mouton: And also looking at this, I mean last year I made the motion we added the 7 days at the end of the season. But when you look at the total amount of still hunting days and they still get to hunt still hunting in the with or without, it is not dog season, it is with or without. You know, they start still hunting October 1 with whatever kind of weapon, probably a bow I guess, and they get to hunt until January 31<sup>st</sup>. And, if my math is right, that is about 130 days or so and in total still hunting days, all kinds of weapons. And if you are concerned with about the biology of the later, adding the week in the back, then we could run with or without from October 29 to December 2 and then open--no, with, without, you could run the without from October 29 to December 2 and then the with or without from December 3 to January 15 and open the muzzleloader on the 16<sup>th</sup>. You are



giving those guys, the with or without and they still get to hunt 43 days, but those still hunters that hunt with any kind of weapons, you know different seasons, different weapons, they hunt from October 1 to January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Moreland: Our recommendation is what's in the table and what has been presented. And I think that is the bottom line. You as Commissioners certainly can address that and change that if you feel fit. But this is what we're supporting and this is what we are recommending.

Chairman Sagrera: I think the most confusing part of the thing is basically as Henry said it was changed last year and it was changed at the last minute and everything is written up and we are looking at another last minute change and that is what Terry is alluding to. Unless there is more comments from the Commission, we could get comment from the public and then we will take a vote on this motion. Any comment from the public on this issue, period. There is no notes on this, but this is an issue that nobody knew was coming, so we will accept anybody if they have comment. Alright, Susan, let's have a role call vote please.

Mrs. Falcon: Pat Morrow.

Commissioner Morrow: No.

Mrs. Falcon: Henry Mouton.

Commissioner Mouton: Yes.

Mrs. Falcon: Earl King.

Commissioner King: Yes.

Mrs. Falcon: Bobby Samanie.

Commissioner Samanie: No.

Mrs. Falcon: Fred Miller.

Commissioner Miller: No.

Mrs. Falcon: Terry Denmon.

Commissioner Denmon: No.

Mrs. Falcon: Wayne Sagrera.

Chairman Sagrera: I would like to abstain but I guess I'll vote.

Mrs. Falcon: It's 4 to 2 right now.

Chairman Sagrera: Yes, I realize that. I will vote yea.

Mrs. Falcon: The motion fails 4 to 3.

Chairman Sagrera: Okay, thank you. Jimmy, continue please...

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, July 7, 2005

Chairman Wayne Sagrera presiding.

Terry Denmon  
Earl King  
Frederic Miller  
Patrick Morrow  
Henry Mouton  
Robert Samanie, III

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Chairman Sagrera called for a motion for approval of the **June 2, 2005 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Samanie and seconded by Commissioner Miller. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements** for this month, Commissioner Denmon noted he provided a copy of an article from a local North Louisiana newspaper entitled "Alarming Facts About the Decline in Young Hunters". It provided statistics on the decline in hunters in general as well as the decline in young hunters. He then asked the other members to keep this in their minds and see if there are things that could enhance hunting opportunities especially for the youth and women. Commissioner Miller advised that he put into the mail an excerpt from a book concerning the proliferation of hunting regulations nationwide especially those in California. This excerpt touched on the same issue Commissioner Denmon talked on. Commissioner Mouton asked Mr. Don Puckett to provide a synopsis on the Lake Maurepas lawsuit at the next meeting. Commissioner King stated he was returning from a fishing trip and stopped to check the tie-downs on his boat and 2 agents stopped and offered their assistance. He commended the Department on the agents' sensitivity training and public relations they do for the user groups. Commissioner King expressed his appreciation for their gesture.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June** began with Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze stating there were 1,932 citations and 375 warnings issued and agents helped with 92 public assists. He noted the agents emphasis for the month was recreational fishing and boating. The Aviation Report showed three aircraft were used for a total of 41.6 hours. Fourteen boating incident reports for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend resulted in 11 injuries and 3 fatalities. There

were media events conducted in an effort to get boating safety out to the public. Commissioner Sagrera asked if 21 DWI arrests was a high or low number? Lt. Col. LaCaze stated it was rather high and noted two mobile command units that works the State each weekend. Commissioner Sagrera then asked if there was a high incidence of alcohol in the fatal boating accidents. Lt. Col. LaCaze agreed and added that 80 percent of the accidents has alcohol as a factor. Commissioner Sagrera commended the Department and added that any efforts that can be made to strengthen it more would be good. The June boating accident report showed 33 accidents and 82 year to date accidents with 11 injuries during June and 44 total for the year. Nine fatalities occurred during June with a total of 22 for the year, which is a bit higher than last year. Three News Releases were included in the packets detailed a boating accident with three fatalities, a felony DWI arrest in St. Charles Parish and offshore patrols of recreational fishing under a Joint Enforcement Agreement with National Marine Fisheries Service.

**Rule Ratification - 2005-2008 Season Dates and Bag Limits** began with Mr. Jimmy Anthony stating there has been no public input over the past month and the Department would not offer any amendments to the Rule. He then urged the Commission to pass the Resolution in its present form. Commissioner King stated he and Commissioner Mouton have received many calls from Area 2 since the last meeting and it pertains to 7 days being taken off the front end of their season. He then asked to equal the with or without days in Area 2 with the still hunting days by giving the dog hunters the days taken from them on the back end. This would create 42 days of still hunting and 43 days of dog hunting. Commissioner King then stated his motion to amend the Rule to add 7 days taken from Area 2 dog hunters and put it on the back end of their season and make it 43 days to make it equal to the 42 days of still hunting which would make it fair and equitable to all hunters. Commissioner Mouton seconded the motion. Commissioner Denmon asked what would this change do to the other seasons. Mr. Anthony stated, by adding a week to the with or without dog seasons, that would run to January 22 and this would change the muzzleloader season to go from January 23 to January 29. He added the Department does not feel this is appropriate since most antlers were falling off and Area 2 has the longest deer season in any area of the State. Mr. Dave Moreland reminded that a week was added last year and the Department did not support that change then. The peak rutting months for Area 2 are late October, November and by the end of December the rut is over. Area 1 and Area 6 the rut is late December, January and even into February. Based on the biology, Mr. Moreland commented they could not support such a late date. Also, the long season takes away from the small game hunting opportunities. Commissioner Miller stated the Commission has flip-flopped over the last 2 months on Area 6 and this same idea came up at the last meeting and was withdrawn. The muzzleloader hunters have seen their season set, no comments have been received, and

would have no idea this change may occur. If this action passed, Commissioner Miller felt the muzzleloader hunters would attend their next meeting giving another opportunity to flip-flop. He added he has not heard one word from Area 2 deer hunters and felt the "flap" has subsided. Commissioner Miller stated this was a non-issue in Area 2 except for a small group of hunters that have called Commissioners King and Mouton. Commissioner King stated he disagreed with Commissioner Miller. He added he has received many calls from his constituents and they were referred back to Commissioner Miller. However, the constituents commented they could not get any satisfaction on dog hunting from Commissioner Miller. Commissioner King noted Area 2 hunters were asking why Area 6 hunters were getting preferential treatment and they even offered to take the dates offered last year. Again, he felt the playing fields needed to be leveled for the dog hunters in Area 2. Mr. Moreland stated that prior to 2004 the deer season ended around January 15, and last year the week was added to the end. Staff took away the week on the end that disrupted the balance which caused a lot of calls and complaints prior to the season setting process. Commissioner King stated that those hunters have called, they have disagreed, they have moaned and expressed their dissatisfaction that those early 7 days were taken away. Again, Commissioner King felt Area 2 hunters should be treated like the Area 6 hunters and be given what they had. Mr. Moreland again stated there were no early days taken away, the week Area 2 dog hunters had was added at the end. In Area 6, the biology was addressed and the hunters were given the month of January to hunt which is their peak rut. Chairman Sagrera asked if the Department's present proposal set back the opening by 7 days? Mr. Moreland answered no, the opening was the same, it was just ending a week earlier. Commissioner Denmon asked if the week given last year was being taken away and going back to the way it has always been? Mr. Moreland stated that was correct, it was going back to the way it has been historically. Commissioner Denmon remarked that he is all for giving additional hunting opportunities as long as it did not interfere with another hunter's rights. But he had a problem with the procedure, in that the Commission would vote on an issue that affected another season and those people never had an opportunity to know about the change. The change that would be needed on the muzzleloader season would not be fair to those hunters, commented Commissioner Denmon. Commissioner King asked that the Area 2 hunters be given back what they had last year and let the dog committee settle the issues when they meet. Commissioner Denmon asked for an explanation of what Area 6 had to do with Area 2. Commissioner King explained that dog hunting rights were taken away from Area 6 hunters, but then was restored. But a week was taken from the front end of Area 2 dog hunters and they expect the same treatment. Commissioner Denmon asked if any days in Area 2 were taken away from the proposal this year from the beginning of the dog season? Commissioner King again stated that a week of the rut was taken from them. Commissioner Denmon did not feel Commissioner King was correct and noted that an extra week was

added last year, but this year the Department did not recommend that extra week and went back to the 50-50 balance between dog hunters and still hunters. Again, Commissioner Denmon noted the procedure was a problem for him. Chairman Sagrera realized that the dog hunters were not having anything taken away from them. Commissioner Mouton stated the still hunters get to hunt from October 1 with a bow and can hunt until January 31. If there was a problem with adding a week to the back, he suggested the still season run from October 29-January 2, the with or without season from January 3-January 15, and then open the muzzleloader on January 16. Mr. Moreland concluded his comments by stating their recommendation was what was presented. Chairman Sagrera felt the most confusing part was the last minute change made last year, and this year again there would be a last minute change. He then asked for public comments and none were heard. The motion failed to pass. At this point, Mr. Anthony read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Denmon made a motion to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Miller. The Chairman then asked for public comments.

Mr. Randy Seibert, Plaquemines Parish, stated he was going to speak on behalf of the bowhunters in Area 6. He asked that the season open on October 1. This year the season was to open on October 1 but for bucks only. The area south of Highway 90, their rut occurs the first week of December and by January their season is over. Again, he asked that the bow season open October 1 south of Highway 90 as it was last year.

Mr. Eugene White, Plaquemines Parish, stated he was also supporting the October 1 opening for either sex bowhunting. He felt everyone was happy with the split that occurred in Area 6 last year and noted it worked with no problem. The way they handle their deer population was by taking all of the does during the month of October.

Mr. Anthony commented that 15 days were added to the bow season south of Highway 90 by extending it from January 31 to February 15. The staff did not take away any days, they only made the first 15 days bucks only, added Mr. Anthony.

Hearing no further comments, the motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
July 7, 2005

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 7, 2005.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General



The Resident Game Hunting Season, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30:1493 (July 2004), LR 31: (July 2005).

**§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008**

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	2005-2008 Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of November <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Day of February	10	20
Rabbit and Squirrel	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Day of February	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season

**C. 2005-2008 Deer Hunting Schedule**

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs

1	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Sun. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> Sat. before Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> next to last Sun. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan.
2	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> Next to last Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before last Sat. of Oct.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> Last Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Jan.
3	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Sept. <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 15	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec.	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after Thanksgiving Day  <u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan.	

4	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Mon. after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan.	
5	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Nov. (BUCKS ONLY)  <u>OPENS:</u> Day after Christmas Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> (BUCKS ONLY)	<u>OPENS:</u> Day after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec.	
6	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Feb. 15 (1 <sup>st</sup> 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Nov.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Sun. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> Sat. before Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Next to last Sun. of Jan.
7	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct.  <u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov.	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Nov.  <u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	<u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun. after Christmas Day

8	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Sept. <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 15	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec.	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan.
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D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex/Seasons)

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Allen	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 8	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Ascension	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Assumption	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Avoyelles	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Beauregard	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 8	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Bienville	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Bossier	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Caddo	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Calcasieu	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 8	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Caldwell	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Cameron	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Catahoula	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Claiborne	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Concordia	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
DeSoto	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
East Baton Rouge	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
East Carroll	Area 4 portion	Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, east of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison Parish line.
	Area 4	Nov. 12-13, 25-27, remainder of the parish
East Feliciana	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Evangeline	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Franklin	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 10-11
Grant	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 10-11
	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Iberia	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 7	Oct. 15-16, Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4
Iberville	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Jackson	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Jefferson	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Jefferson Davis	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Lafayette	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Lafourche	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
LaSalle	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11
	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Lincoln	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Livingston	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Madison	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Morehouse	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 4	Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Natchitoches	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Orleans		Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 4	Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Plaquemines	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Pointe Coupee	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, Dec. 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Rapides	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 10-11
	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Red River	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Richland	Area 4	Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Sabine	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
St. Bernard	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Charles	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Helena	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
St. James	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. John	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Landry	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, Nov. 25-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Martin	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Mary	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 7	Oct. 15-16, Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4
St. Tammany	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Tangipahoa	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Tensas	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Terrebonne	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Union	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Vermilion	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Vernon	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 8	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Washington	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Webster	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
West Baton Rouge	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
West Carroll	Area 5	Nov. 25-26
West Feliciana	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Winn	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex
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Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 1-7 Dec. 1-7 Jan. 1-7
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F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

G. Promotional Hunting Days

1. The following dates are established as promotional hunting days: the 1<sup>st</sup> three days after Thanksgiving Day.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1521 (August 2003), LR 30:1494 (July 2004), LR 31: (July 2005).

Wayne J. Sagrera  
Chairman

**Rule Ratification - General and WMA Hunting Rules & Regulations**  
began with Mr. Jimmy Anthony stating this was the rule that governed the regulations on WMAs and the general sport hunting. No public input was received and no amendments were suggested. Mr. Anthony asked the Commission to ratify the Resolution. Commissioner Mouton thought the regulations were adopted in May or June in order to be sent to the Legislature. Mr. Anthony explained that those regulations had to be sent to the Oversight Committees for their concurrence and then the Commission could ratify. Mr. Anthony read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Miller made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Samanie seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
July 7, 2005

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 7, 2005.



WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Wayne J. Sagrera Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1 Resident Game Hunting Season

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and

116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire rifle, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally by licensed hunters from September 1 through the last day of February, during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with a daily limit of five. When taken with a shotgun, steel shot must be used. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with

shot no larger than F steel, and during gun deer seasons, anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap or hat. Recreational nutria hunters must remove each nutria carcass in whole condition from the hunting area, except that nutria may be gutted. Possession of detached nutria parts, including nutria tails, by recreational hunters is illegal. Nutria harvested recreationally may not be pelted nor may such nutria or any nutria parts from recreationally taken nutria be sold, including the tail. Trespassing upon private property for the purpose of taking nutria or other furbearing animals is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265). The Coastwide Nutria Control Program is a separate program and is in no way related to the nutria recreational season. For questions on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, call the New Iberia office (337) 373-0032.

4. Blackbirds and crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 1 with no limit; however crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators and that crows have been implicated in the spread of the West Nile virus in humans.

5. Pheasant. CLOSED.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter in order to harvest an antlerless deer. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow or muzzleloader). Antlerless deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season bag limit for hunters. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

9. Landowner Assistance Deer Tag (LADT)

a. Eligibility for LADT is limited to the following landowners or lessees:

- i. License Deer Farmers;
- ii. Landowners or lessees with less than 500 acres who have verified deer depredation problems;
- iii. Landowners with 40 acres or more enrolled in the Louisiana Forest Stewardship Program; and
- iv. Landowners or lessees with 40 or more contiguous acres of forested or marsh land.

b. Each applicant will be assessed a \$25 administrative processing fee. Each hunter must have the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag in his possession while hunting on the property for which the tag was issued and immediately upon kill of an antlerless deer, the hunter must tag the animal through the hock. The deer must be tagged before it is transported from the site of kill and the tag will remain with the deer while the hunter is in route to his domicile. Antlerless deer harvested on property enrolled in LADT does not count in the season bag limit for hunters. For more information, contact any Wildlife Division Regional Office.

#### 10. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

##### a. Definitions

**Exotics:** For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black-buck antelope.

**Hunting:** In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

**Same as Outside:** For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

**Supplemented Hunting Preserve:** For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and

Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the regulations pamphlet.

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire, or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill

with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

11. Bobcat. The hunting of bobcats will be legal only during the open deer season in all deer hunting areas. The legal shooting hours and the legal methods for the taking of bobcats shall be the same as defined for the taking of deer. License requirements shall also be the same for deer. The season limit shall be one.

#### D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. All persons born on or after September 1, 1969 must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to purchase a Basic Hunting License, EXCEPT any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer. Application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries main office building in the city of Baton Rouge. A person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by, and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older, EXCEPT during a statewide youth deer hunt.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey license is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

#### 5. Methods of Taking Resident Game Birds and Quadrupeds

a. It is illegal to intentionally feed, deposit, place, distribute, expose, scatter, or cause to be fed, deposited, placed, distributed, exposed, or scattered raw sweet potatoes to wild game quadrupeds.

b. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take

squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

c. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance Animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the Department, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. For specific details contact a regional office near you. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found destroying commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the Department. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local regional office for details.

7. Threatened and Endangered Species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated Quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, unmarked hogs where legal, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes are protected quadrupeds and may be taken

only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or Discharging Firearms on Public Roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow, muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex Identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the State of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

#### 12. Promotional Hunting Days

a. The following dates are established as promotional hunting days: the 1<sup>st</sup> three days after Thanksgiving Day.

b. Persons availing themselves of promotional hunting days shall be entitled to hunt resident game birds and game quadrupeds (excluding bears), as well as coyotes, bobcats and feral hogs on designated days without the payment of fees and without obtaining any license other than the below referenced letter of permit. Persons wishing to avail themselves of promotional hunting days shall be subject to the following requirements and restrictions:



i. All applicants must be at least sixteen (16) years of age, and not currently under a suspension or revocation of hunting privileges.

ii. All applicants must submit, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Department, such personal information as may be required by the Department including, but not limited to, name, address, date of birth, drivers' license number, and social security number.

iii. No person shall be entitled to apply for or receive more than one (1) letter of permit for promotional hunting days in his or her lifetime.

iv. Any eligible person who applies for the promotional hunting days shall receive a letter of permit from the Secretary.

v. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit must be accompanied by a validly licensed hunter.

vi. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit shall meet all other legal requirements for obtaining a hunting license, including but not limited to, successful completion of a hunter education course.

vii. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit must have in his possession while hunting, a valid hunter education card or certificate.

viii. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit may hunt during all legal hunting hours on the dates recited in the permit, but only during legal hunting hours.

ix. Any person hunting under a letter of permit shall be subject to all of the limitations, restrictions, conditions, laws, and rules and regulations applicable to the holder of a hunting license.

x. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit may hunt any species of resident game birds or game quadrupeds (excluding bears), as well as coyotes, bobcats and feral hogs for which the season is open at the time of the above stated weekends, but only those species for which the season is open at the time of the above stated weekends.

xi. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit may use any gear or method of take which is legal on the above designated weekends.

xii. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit may hunt only resident game birds and game quadrupeds (excluding bears), as well as coyotes, bobcats and feral hogs. All other species are excluded including, but not limited to, migratory game birds.

#### E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on some Federal Refuges (check Refuge regulations) and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take, EXCEPT antlerless harvest on property enrolled in DMAP and LADT does not count in the season bag limit for hunters.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically allowed and EXCEPT in Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area where a legal buck shall be defined as deer with at least 4 points on one side or a deer with unbranched antlers commonly referred to as spikes (no minimum length). To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise allowed.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Except in wildlife management areas, a leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or

unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, other than a muzzleloader, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and may be fitted with magnified scopes. This includes muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, and EXCEPT in Area 6 from October 1-15. Archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Lake Boeuf, and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

(e). to take deer while deer are swimming or while the hunter is in a boat with motor attached in operating position; however, the restrictions in this paragraph shall not apply to any person who has lost one or more limbs.

11. Hunter Orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a hunter orange cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. [WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".]

12. Special handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

13. Special Youth Deer Hunt on Private Lands (Either-Sex). See regulations pamphlet for dates. Youths under the age of 16 only. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety

certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Franklin, Madison, St. Helena, Tensas, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Catahoula - East of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, east of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to La. Hwy. 8, south and east of La. Hwy. 8 southwesterly to Parish line.

8. ii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La.

iii. LaSalle - South of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to U.S. Highway 84, east of U.S. Highway 84 northward to La. Highway 8, south of La. Highway 8 eastward to Parish line.

iv. Livingston - North of I-12.

v. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vi. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

vii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

viii. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

ii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line. South of Mississippi state line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iii. Franklin - All.

iv. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

v. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vi. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany parish line to the Tangipahoa parish line, east of the Tangipahoa parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with La. 25.

vii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Union, Webster, Winn.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 from parish line westward to Kinder, east of U.S. 165 from Kinder northward to La. 10 at Oakdale, north of La. 10 from Oakdale westward to the parish line.

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Catahoula - West of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, west of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to La. Highway 8, north and west of La. Highway 8 southwesterly to Parish line.

iv. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

v. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

vi. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

vii. LaSalle - North of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake, following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to U.S. Highway 84, west of U.S. Highway 84 northward to La. Highway 8, north of La. Highway 8 eastward to Parish line.

viii. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ix. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake.

x. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xi. Vernon - North of La. Highway 10 from the parish line westward to La. 113, south of La. 113 eastward to parish line. Also the portion north of La. 465 west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

### 3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.



b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 from the parish line north to DeRidder and north of U.S. 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - South of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas State line. Also east of La. 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

#### 4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 at Bastrop to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.

#### 5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Martin, Terrebonne, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - All except that portion west of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to Terrebonne Parish line.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1 from Simmesport westward to La. 115 at Marksville, east of La. 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to La. 1 at Simmesport.

ii. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

iii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iv. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

v. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

vi. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

vii. NEW HIGH WATER BENCHMARK CLOSURE. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberia, Iberville, St. Martin, and St. Mary parishes south of Interstate 10, west of the East Guide Levee, east of the West Guide Levee, and north of U.S. Highway 90 will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet at Butte LaRose.

7. Area 7

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia - South of La. 14 and west of U.S. Hwy. 90.

ii. St. Mary - South of U.S. 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, west of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, south of Intracoastal Waterway from Wax Lake Outlet eastward to Terrebonne Parish line.

8. Area 8

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Allen - That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line to U.S. 190, north of U.S. 190 eastward to Kinder,

west of U.S. 165 northward to La. 10 at Oakdale and south of La. 10 from Oakdale westward to parish line.

ii. Beauregard - That portion east of La. 113. Also that portion west of La. 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iii. Calcasieu - That portion east of La. 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to the Texas state line.

iv. Vernon - That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line northward to Pitkin and south of La. 10 from Pitkin southward to the parish line.

#### G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

##### 1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. On days when Daily permits are required, permit stations will open 2 hours before legal shooting hours. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.), wild plants and non-game wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) is prohibited without prior approval from the Baton Rouge Office. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day.

i. Burning of marshes is prohibited. Hunting actively burning marsh prohibited.

j. Nature trails. Trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

k. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

l. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

m. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

n. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

## 2. Permits

a. A WMA Hunting Permit is required for persons aged 18 through 59 to hunt on WMAs.

b. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA after first presenting a valid hunting license to a Department employee. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

c. Self-Clearing Permits. A Self-Clearing Permit is required for ALL ACTIVITIES (hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The Self-Clearing Permit will consist of three portions: CHECK IN, CHECK OUT and a Vehicle Tag. On WMAs where Self-Clearing Permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's activity on the day of the activity (EXCEPT if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted, users need only to check in once during any 72 hour period). Users may check-in one day in advance of use. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and MUST be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted. EACH PERSON MUST leave the Vehicle Tag portion of his permit on the dashboard of the vehicle used to enter into the WMA in such a way that it can be easily read from outside of the vehicle. This MUST be done only when the vehicle is parked and left unattended on the WMA. If an ATV, boat or other type vehicle was used to enter the WMA, then the vehicle tag must be attached to that vehicle in such a manner that it can be readily seen and read. No permit is required of fishers and boaters who do not travel on a WMA road and/or launch on the WMA as long as they do not get out of the boat and onto the WMA. When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. Call the appropriate Region office for the location of the deer check station on these WMAs. (Self-Clearing Permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.)

d. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for any purpose must possess one of the following: a valid Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement. Also a Self-Clearing WMA permit, detailed above, may be required (available at most entrances to each WMA). Check individual WMA listings for EXCEPTIONS.

### 3. Special Seasons

a. Youth Deer Hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of a hunter safety certification, a valid Louisiana hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a

firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate region office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts. NOTE: Some hunts may be by pre-application lottery.

b. Youth Squirrel Hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon and opossum may be taken. Hogs may not be taken. No dogs allowed. All other seasons will remain open to other hunters. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. Self-clearing permits are required. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth squirrel hunts.

c. Youth Mourning Dove Hunt. A youth mourning dove hunt will be conducted on specific WMAs and will follow the same regulations provided for youth deer hunts on the second weekend of the mourning dove season (Saturday and Sunday only). Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth mourning dove hunts.

d. Handicapped Season. An either-sex deer season will be held for hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit on WMAs during the dates specified under the individual WMA. Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons. Pointe-aux-Chenes will have an experimental Lottery Handicapped waterfowl hunt. Contact New Iberia Office, Fur and Refuge Division for details.

e. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact region offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery deer hunts.

f. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations

pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at self-clearing station. Contact Region Offices for more details. Consult separate turkey hunting regulations pamphlet for more details.

g. Waterfowl Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadline. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division Office for more details.

h. Mourning Dove Lottery Hunts. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division Office for more details.

i. Trapping. Permits to take furbearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at region offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office.

j. Raccoon Hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - All nighttime raccoon hunting where allowed is with dogs only. There is no bag limit. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the region office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at region offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

k. Sport Fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT as otherwise specified under individual WMA listings.

l. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Vernon, Evangeline, St. Helena and other parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.



#### 4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas and except as may be permitted for authorized trappers).

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs EXCEPT during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads, ATV trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

#### 5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas the daily limit shall be one antlered deer and one antlerless deer (when legal) per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included).

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same

day of kill. Deer may not be skinned or have any external body parts removed including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed. Permanent tree stands are any stands that use nails, screws, spikes, etc., to attach to trees are strictly prohibited. Portable deer stands (those that are designed to be routinely carried by one person) may not be left on WMAs unless the stands are removed from trees and left in a non-hunting position (a non-hunting position is one in which a hunter could not hunt from the stand in its present position). Also, all stands left must be legibly tagged with the user's name, address, phone number and Big Game Hunting License number (or Lifetime License Number). No stand may be left on any WMA prior to the day before deer season opens on that WMA and all stands must be removed from the WMA within one day after the close of deer hunting on that WMA. Free standing blinds must be disassembled when not in use. Stands left will not reserve hunting sites for the owner or user. All portable stands, blinds, tripods, etc. found unattended in a hunting position or untagged will be confiscated and disposed of by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. LDWF not be responsible for unattended stands left on an area.

g. Hunting from utility poles, high tension power lines, oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

l. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

m. Horses and mules may be ridden on Wildlife Management Areas except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited EXCEPT for quail hunting or as otherwise specified.

n. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) also must wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel. ALSO all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

o. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

p. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

q. Muzzleloader season for deer. Either-sex unless otherwise specified. See WMA deer schedule.

## 6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for the mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. Permits must be obtained from the New Iberia office.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by State and Federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

#### 7. Restricted Areas

a. For your safety, ALL oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting, hog hunting and bird dog training when allowed; see individual WMA season listings for WMAs that allow dogs. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires are prohibited on a WMA.

b. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

c. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

d. Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

e. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft "mud crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexander State Forest WMA.

f. No internal combustion engines allowed in certain Greentree reservoirs.

g. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

h. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

i. Licensed motorized vehicles (LMVs) legal for highway use, including motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads as indicated on WMA maps. ATVs are restricted to marked ATV trails only, EXCEPT when WMA roads are closed to LMVs. ATVs may then use those roads until they are reopened for LMV traffic. WMA maps available at all region offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles. NOTE: All ATV trails are marked with signs and/or paint, but not all ATV trails appear on WMA maps.

j. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons is restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees are restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps or as marked by sign and/or paint. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons under the age of 60 must apply for and obtain a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit from the Department.

k. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Entrances to ATV trails that are open all year long will be marked with purple paint. The end of all ATV trails will be marked by red paint. WMA maps serve only as a general guide to the route of most ATV trails, therefore all signage and paint marking as previously described will be used to determine compliance. Deviation from this will constitute a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

l. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition, construction or wet weather.

m. ATVs, and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM, EXCEPT raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only. ATVs are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 EXCEPT certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes and some ATV trails will be open all year long on certain WMAs.

n. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

o. Hunters over the age of 59 and those with a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit are allowed to retrieve their own downed deer and hogs with the aid of an ATV except on Thistlethwaite WMA under the following conditions:

i. No firearms or archery equipment is in possession of the retrieval party or on the ATV;

ii. The retrieval party may consist of no more than one ATV and one helper;

iii. ATVs may not be used to locate or search for wounded game or for any other purpose than retrieval of deer and hogs once they have been legally harvested and located.

#### 10. Commercial Activities.

a. Hunting Guides/Outfitters: No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any Wildlife Management Area, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

b. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval from Baton Rouge office or unless otherwise specified.

c. Commercial fishing: Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs EXCEPT commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cnt Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

11. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

12. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult

regulations pamphlet. Unless otherwise specified under a specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited.

13. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet. Hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited on all WMAs EXCEPT for Atchafalaya Delta, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador/Timken and Wisner WMAs. Consult specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMA regulations. Unmarked hogs may be taken during any legal hunting season on designated WMAs by properly licensed hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Hunters may harvest hogs during the month of March on Pass-a-Loutre WMA only by using shotguns with shot no larger than BB lead or F steel, or .22 caliber rimfire firearms. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs, EXCEPT unmarked hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs on Pearl River and Red River WMAs (consult Pearl River and Red River WMAs regulations) by permit from either the Baton Rouge or Ferriday Offices and all hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions and hunters may use centerfire pistols in addition to using guns allowed for season in progress.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, incidental take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA. However, crows, blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds may not be taken before September 1 or after January 2.

17. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations:

a. Acadiana Conservation Corridor.

b. Alexander State Forest. From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call 318-487-5172 or 318-487-5058 for information on burning schedules. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

c. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time.



ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited EXCEPT as permitted for authorized WMA trappers.

d. Attakapas.

e. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

f. Bayou Pierre

g. Bens Creek

h. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

i. Big Lake.

j. Biloxi.

k. Bodcau.

l. Boeuf.

m. Buckhorn.

n. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year. All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region Office for specific details.

o. Clear Creek (formerly Boise-Vernon).

p. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

q. Elbow Slough. Steel shot only for all hunting.

r. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

s. Floy Ward McElroy.

t. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year. New special regulations apply to ATV users.

u. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Region Office. No hunting in restricted area.

v. Jackson-Bienville. Beginning September 1, 2004, ATVs are allowed ONLY on non-public maintained gravel roads and marked ATV trails.

w. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

x. Lake Boeuf. Hunting allowed until 12:00 noon on all game EXCEPT during Youth Lottery Hunt. All nighttime activities prohibited.

y. Lake Ramsey. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

z. Little River.

aa. Loggy Bayou.

bb. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

cc. Maurepas Swamp.

dd. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping and ATV use during duck season including early teal season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ee. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

ff. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

gg. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self-Clearing

Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

hh. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for mourning dove hunting and youth lottery deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. All boats powered by engines having horsepower ratings above 25 h.p. are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue unless authorized by the Department. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the Department.

ii. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per boat or group daily.

jj. Red River. Recreational crawfishing allowed on Yakey Farms wetland restoration projects February 1 to the last day of February, 100 pounds per person per day, maximum of five wire traps per person. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

kk. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

ll. Sabine.

mm. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

nn. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and "Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with four cylinders or less is permitted in interior ditches from first Saturday in September through January and may be further permitted. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

oo. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas.

pp. Sherburne. Crawfishing: Recreational crawfishing only on the South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River

levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

qq. Sicily Island Hills.

rr. Soda Lake. No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer and falconry.

ss. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: recreational only. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

tt. Tangipahoa Parish School Board. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed.

uu. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

vv. Three Rivers.

ww. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area. North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

xx. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

yy. West Bay.

zz. Wisner.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000), LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28:1603 (July 2002), LR 29:1124 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1522 (August 2003), LR 30:1495 (July 2004), LR 31: (July 2005).

Wayne J. Sagrera  
Chairman

Mr. Mike Olinde handled the next item, **Tentative Dates for Early Season Migratory Birds (Dove, Rail, Snipe, Woodcock and Teal)**. In regards to the dove season, a dove focus meeting was held at the beginning of June as well as other meetings to discuss the possibility of zoning the state. The Eastern Management Unit made a recommendation, which was seconded by the Mississippi Flyway Council, to allow zoning without a September 20 opening date restriction for the south zone. But the SRC did not accept that recommendation since the recommendations among the Management Units were not consistent. A pilot banding study was ongoing in 27 states with Louisiana participating in an effort to manage the harvest of doves using a science. The Department's recommendation on dove season was a 70 day season, daily bag of 12 and possession limit of 24 and the dates of September 3-September 11, October 8-November 13 and December 17-January 9. Shooting hours for mourning doves would be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset except for opening weekends of each segment. Another issue discussed was having white-winged doves included in the bag limit, but the request was received after the Eastern Management Unit Technical Committee had met. The item has been added to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting. In reference to teal season, Mr. Olinde stated that at least the count must reach 3.3 million to have a 9 day season or 4.7 million to have a 16 day season. This year the estimate was 4.58 million teal which will give Louisiana a 9 day season which will occur the last 2 weekends of September. Portions of the rail and gallinule seasons will run concurrent with the teal season of September 17-September 25. Teal bag limit will be 4 and possession limit of 8. King and clapper rail limits will be 15 in aggregate and possession of 30; limits for sora and virginia will be 25 daily and possession in aggregate; and gallinule bag limit will be 15 in aggregate and possession of 30. Woodcock season will have the traditional dates of December 18-January 31 with a 3 bird bag and 6 bird possession limit. The snipe season was deferred until the August meeting. Mr. Olinde then noted falconers can hunt migratory birds with falconry for 107 days. Extended seasons have never been provided for migratory birds, but this year the opportunity will be offered and those dates were included in the packets. The additional mourning dove dates would be September 12-October 7 and November 14-November 24. For woodcock, the additional dates would be October 29-December 17 and February 1-February 12. Daily bag limit in aggregate for falconry is 3 and 6 birds possession limit. Shooting and hawking

hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset for these migratory birds.

Commissioner Denmon asked for the teal count again and Mr. Olinde stated it was 4.58 million up from 4.1 million last year. Commissioner Denmon then asked if there was information that indicated the numbers of birds was higher during the requested time rather than the week before. Mr. Robert Helm stated the 9 day teal season has always began on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September and was just a toss of the dice on migration. Again Commissioner Denmon asked if there was data that showed, on average, there was more teal one week than the week before. Mr. Helm commented they do not do weekly surveys. Commissioner Mouton asked how many teal does it take for a 16 day season? Mr. Helm answered 4.7 million and this was the goal for the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. Commissioner Miller asked why were the falcon hunters allowed to hunt into February when the gun hunters had to stop at the end of January. Mr. Olinde stated these dates were within the framework and did not think too many falconers would hunt woodcock. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Sagrera asked Mr. Olinde to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Mr. Olinde noted that these dates are tentative, but they have to be sent to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service before August 1. Commissioner Denmon made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

#### RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
July 7, 2005

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting in Baton Rouge, LA, July 7, 2005.

- WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, DC have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and
- WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby adopt the presented tentative season dates for migratory birds which are made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

- (1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and
- (2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

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Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

**Declaration of Emergency - Set 2005-2006 Fur Trapping Season** began with a report by Mr. Edmond Mouton on the 2004-05 trapping season and the Coastwide Nutria Control Program. A detailed packet was included in the packets, but he went through a brief presentation. The first graph shown was on the number of trapping licenses over the last 10 years with 1567 sold this past year. The trend on license sales follows the pelt value and nutria harvest. During 2004-2005 season, over 60,000 pelts were valued at over \$500,000. Pelts from the Coastwide Nutria Control Program (CNCP) added over 297,000 which increased the value to \$1.7 million. The top 5 furs, otter, nutria, bobcat, raccoon and mink contributed to 97 percent of the value of the furs. A brief summary on the CNCP showed a total of 297,535 nutria tails were collected for a value of \$1.19 million from 310 participants. Parishes with the most participants were Terrebonne, Lafourche, Plaquemines, Vermilion and St. Mary. A slide was shown of nutria damaging the marsh and how it progressively got worse. Season results over the last three years



showed the number of participants dropped some, the number of tails has averaged over 300,000 and the total payments. Mr. Mouton added that the CNCP provides a direct economic impact to these areas by giving \$4 incentive to the trappers. The next slide was a listing of parishes and the number of tails harvested with Terrebonne and Plaquemines Parishes being the top two parishes. Hurricane Ivan, that came through Plaquemines, St. Bernard and Jefferson Parishes, wiped out between 40,000 to 50,000 nutria last year. Next slide was the method of take, noting 54 percent were shot and 38 percent were trapped during the passed year. A summary of the year prior to CNCP along side the last three years of the program was shown. Mr. Mouton felt the program has drastically increased nutria harvest in Louisiana to at least 300,000 per year and this has resulted in fewer nutria damaged areas in coastal Louisiana. A map of southeast Louisiana was shown noting the most damaged areas. In southwest Louisiana, there was not as much nutria damage, however some does occur in Vermilion Parish.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Morrow asked how was the program funded? Mr. Mouton stated funding was through the Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection Restoration Act (CWPPRA) and there are two more years of funding on this plan. In October, another 5 years of funding will be requested. Chairman Sagrera asked what was the cost of the contract? Mr. Mouton stated the budget was \$2.5 million per year with \$1.6 million going to buying tails, paying the contractor 82 cents per tail and the remainder of the money was administrative. Chairman Sagrera stated one of the muskrat damage sites was his property and felt a bounty would not encourage anyone to trap muskrat. Hearing no further questions, Mr. Mouton read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner King made a motion to accept the Resolution, it was seconded by Commissioner Mouton and passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

#### **RESOLUTION**

#### **2005-2006 Fur Trapping Season adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:259(A) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of nongame quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically led the nation in the production of wild fur with value to the trappers as high as \$24 million in some seasons, and

WHEREAS, the harvest of this renewable resource is important in providing supplemental income to citizens of the state while furnishing an essential management tool to reduce nuisance wildlife problems, property damage, the impact of prey species, the incident of density dependent disease and provide a measure of population health and general condition, and

WHEREAS, regulated trapping provides the only practical control of muskrat and nutria populations, an essential part of any effort to protect or enhance coastal wetlands. The role of such trapping cannot be overstated because of the rate of wetland loss and the impact that these wetland grazers are having in southeastern parishes, and

WHEREAS, during the 2005-2006 trapping season the department will continue the Coastwide Nutria Control Program providing an incentive payment of \$4.00 per nutria tail to participants for up to 400,000 nutria with the objective of reducing damage to coastal wetlands, and

WHEREAS, the increased commercial harvest of beaver can play a major role in assisting in the reduction of damage to timber, agriculture, drainage, and wildlife habitat, and

WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum time frame for the harvest of furbearers is between November and March each year, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2005-2006 trapping season, statewide from November 20, 2005 through March 31, 2006, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the trapping season on all of the Department's Wildlife Management Areas will be opened from November 20, 2005, through March 31, 2006, except the Acadiana Conservation Corridor, Floy Ward McElroy, Elbow Slough and Sandy Hollow WMAs where the trapping season will remain closed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does

hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the trapping season in any area of the state, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2005-2006 trapping season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Wayne J. Sagera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

#### DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:259(A) which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of non-game quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year and in accordance with emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2005-2006 trapping season, statewide from November 20, 2005 through March 31, 2006 including all Department Wildlife Management Areas except Acadiana Conservation Corridor, Floy Ward McElroy, Elbow Slough and Sandy Hollow where the trapping season will remain closed. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the adopted season.

Wayne J. Sagera  
Chairman

Before moving on to the next item, Commissioner Denmon stated he and Commissioner Miller started working on tentative dates for waterfowl even before knowing the framework. He thought it was to be an item for discussion at this meeting which would allow the public the opportunity to comment on those seasons because they have not had an opportunity before. Commissioner Denmon would like to modify the agenda and add this item to the agenda. Mr. Moore stated that they are prepared to discuss these dates at this time. Mr. Helm stated that they have developed recommendations for consideration. The Commission requested some season options and were provided to you. In the ensuing weeks the Commission asked that they provide recommendations so that the public can comment or consider those recommendations during the next thirty days. The federal framework is not provided. It should be completed just prior to the August Commission meeting because of the surveys.

This is an effort by the Commission to get the duck season dates out to the public just prior to the August meeting. Mr. Helm is prepared to present season recommendations for the duck season only for both zones, 60-day option and 45-day option. Commissioner Denmon made a motion to modify the agenda to place this item on the agenda to take the action as the intent to adopt from those recommendations the framework of the season dates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion was carried. Secretary Landreneau stated that it has been published in the newspapers. Commissioner Denmon would like to get the options to the public. Commissioner Mouton stated that he has received the recommendations and has received a lot of comments back. He likes the idea of two options for the 60-day and two options for the 45-day. Commissioner Miller also received the Department recommendations of the dates recommended. One comment he has heard is that the duck hunters want as much information as we can provide them so that they can comment on the season. Mr. Puckett stated that they can get the information out through news release. Commissioner Denmon stated that we should take the information that Mr. Helm has given the Commission and put these dates in the news release so that the public can make the comments. Commissioner Miller also stated that he would like to have the same information placed on the website. Mr. Moore stated to the Commissioner that the Department would like to stick with one recommendation and let the public come to you with other recommendations. This will allow the Commission to make the recommendations. Commissioner Morrow disagreed with Mr. Moore. He stated that they are seeking information from the hunters. Making more than one recommendation would generate more dialogue from the public. Commissioner Mouton suggested that there be more than one recommendation on the website and newspaper. Mr. Moore asked if we can specify a Department recommended date and list the other dates. Commissioner Sagrera stated that as long as the Department phrases it that way and list the others as options, he is okay with it. It should also state that this is contingent upon federal guidelines. Commissioner Denmon agreed with Mr. Moore. He stated that if the Department gives the public a recommendation on both set of days, this is what it should be. If you give them another scenario, you are indicating that there are other options and there are an infinite number of options. More scenarios would tend to confuse the public than to help them. Commissioner Miller stated that in order to ease confusion, he has analyzed the 60-day recommendation that the Department has made. It is virtually identical to the season set last year. The more options we put out there the more confused the public will be. He has recommended that the Commission go with the one recommendation. Commissioner Mouton strongly disagreed. Commissioner Sagrera said that he would not like to disagree with Commissioner Miller. The hunters in Southwest Louisiana are mostly grey duck and teal hunt, and they are there early in the year. No one has expressed an objection to November 12. It will not be receptive to propose anything later than that. If this is the Department's recommendation, there will not be very much confusion. The public will have thirty days to

comment on the recommendations. Commissioner King stated that he is happy with those dates recommended by the Department. Commissioner Samanie agrees with Department recommendation. Commissioner Denmon made a motion to recommend the Department to get the recommended dates out to the public and explaining that these dates will be adopted at the next meeting. Commissioner King seconded the motion. Commissioner Morrow disagrees. He stated that we are seeking the input of the public. He would like the public to know that there are different scenarios out there. Commissioner Morrow made a motion that the Department publicize the four options as delineated in Mr. Helm's e-mail to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mouton. Commissioner Denmon asked Commissioner Morrow if instead of giving a second scenario, if the Department would explain it in some narrative form, will it satisfy him? Commissioner Morrow stated that he is okay with that. His motion will include the four options and the recommendation of the Department. Commissioner Mouton stated that we either put out the options or do not do anything. Commissioner Denmon stated that the press release was to contain a full explanation of all the options that were available. Mr. Moore stated that we can word the announcement that ask the public to respond to recommendations of the department to the department and to the Commission. Commissioner King asked for a copy of the releases that were sent out to the different sources. A roll call vote on the substitute motion was taken. The substitute motion failed four to three. On the original motion - Commissioner Miller asked that the press release state that the Commission will consider these dates. The original motion was voted on. The motion passed. The Department is recommending the following dates: West Zone, 60 day - November 12-December 4 and December 17-January 22; East Zone, 60 day - November 19-December 4 and December 17-January 29; West Zone, 45 day - November 12-November 27 and December 17-January 14; East Zone, 45 day - November 19-November 27 and December 17-January 21.

Commissioner King stated that the one hen mallard daily bag approach may be one thing that the public may want to comment on. Mr. Moore stated that the Department does not have a recommendation on this. It can be discussed in the press release and should state that it is under consideration.

#### **Public Information Video Update**

Ms. Marianne Burke showed a video of what the Public Information Section has done since February 2005 to June 2005. The Publications Unit produced the Employment and Recruitment Brochure and two issues of the Conservationist, March/April and May/June. The News and Media Relation Unit published 146 news releases. The Audio Visual Unit produced the video chronicling the cadet agent training academy and department overview video. The Audit Visual

Unit also shot footage for a promotional segment on the Outdoor Channel with Secretary Landreneau.

Mr. Marty Bourgeois presented a **Resolution of the 2205 Fall Shrimp Season** to the Commission for consideration which would authorize Secretary Landreneau to open the Fall Inshore Shrimp Season in the event that marketable shrimp in sufficient quantities are available to harvest before the August 4 meeting. Commissioner Samanie made the motion to give the Secretary the authority. Commissioner King seconded. Motion passed.

**Resolution - 2005 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season**

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2005 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season  
adopted by the  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

July 7, 2005

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides that shrimp season openings shall be based on biological and technical data which indicate that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities, are available for harvest, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may delegate to the Secretary the powers, duties and authorities to fix open seasons for all or part of the state waters, and

WHEREAS, significant numbers of juvenile white shrimp have recruited into inside waters much earlier this spring when compared with historic data and rapid growth may occur provided favorable environmental conditions exist, and

WHEREAS, current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in inside waters may potentially reach marketable sizes and average 100 count per pound minimum possession size or larger on or before the August 4<sup>th</sup> monthly Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with public notification provisions specified in R.S. 56:497, that the Commission authorizes the Secretary, through Declaration of Emergency, to open and close the 2005 fall shrimp season in inside waters provided technical and biological data indicate that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities are available for harvest, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate a Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates if biological or technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop and to close and reopen all or parts of state outside waters if significant numbers of small white shrimp are found in these waters.

Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **November 2005 Meeting** on Thursday, November 3, 2005, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Sagrera then asked for **Public Comments.**

Mr. Joseph Kirkland stated that he was present to discuss non-human primates being put on the list of potentially dangerous quadrupeds. He apologized for not being at the last Commission meeting to discuss this issue. He was not aware of this. Jim and Juanita Clark has property in Louisiana and would like to retire and come home at some time. Same for he and his wife who has inherited some land in North Louisiana. The one thing about adding the all non-human primates is that there is a 600 pound gorillas to one pound marmosets. What he would like for the Commission to do is to break them into groups. He has given the Commission copies of letters from laboratories that does viral scans across the country on these monkeys and the others letters are from different states health departments. These monkeys are not health risk. They are more susceptible to catch diseases from us than we are from them. All of their monkeys are clean. They are safe from the public. They are expensive. They are new world monkeys. They come from Central and South America. They have 95% DNA as we have. We are asking that you make categories out of some of these monkeys, and not place them all on the list of potentially dangerous quadrupeds. Chairman Sagrera asked that Mr. Kirkland meet with someone in the

Department. Mr. Moore will meet with Mr. Kirkland after the Commission meeting.

Mr. Robert Campo submitted a letter of intent to open some outside wild reefs in the Lake Borgne area, and to have this placed on the August agenda.

There being no further business, Commissioner King made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Miller.

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Dwight Landreneau  
Secretary

DL:scf

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## Hunters' ideas aid LWFC in setting season

By **JOE MACALUSO**

Advocate outdoors writer

The seven-man Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission extended its plans to involve the state's hunters in the decision-making process Thursday by demanding and getting suggested 60-day and 45-day season dates for the 2005-06 duck-hunting season from Department of Wildlife and Fisheries biologists.

It's the first time state duck hunters have had advance notice of plans for West Zone and East Zone duck-hunting seasons. The action came on the same day the LWFC ratified a first-time three-year resident-game hunting seasons package and approved recommended season dates and bag limits on doves and woodcock along with special September seasons for teal, rails and gallinules.

The suggested 60-day "liberal framework" duck-season dates are Nov. 12-Dec. 4 and Dec. 17-Jan. 22 in the West Zone and Nov. 19-Dec. 4 and Dec. 17-Jan. 29 in the East Zone. A 45-day "moderate framework" season brought suggested dates of Nov. 12-27 and Dec. 17-Jan. 14 in the West Zone and Nov. 19-27 and Dec. 17-Jan. 21 in the East Zone.

Robert Helm, the State Waterfowl Study leader, said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will announce the season frameworks later this month for the country's four flyways. Louisiana is in the Mississippi Flyway. Others are the Atlantic, Central and Pacific flyways.

The framework is the number of hunting days the USFWS allows, following guidelines established in the 1990s. The framework uses a grid to compare the number of mallards estimated by U.S. and Canadian biologists during the May Breeding Count Survey with the number of breeding ponds in the north-central U.S. and Canada. High numbers of mallards, something over 7 million, and high pond counts, something in excess of 4 million, give hunters a 60-day liberal framework.

Lower numbers in both counts would lead to a 45-day moderate schedule. In both cases, the daily limit is six ducks, with limits on individual species included in that daily bag.

The LWFC debated the merits of two sets of suggested dates for both seasons structures, but settled for one set with the proviso that the LDWF's announcement of the suggested dates carries a notice that the matter will be

debated at its Aug. 4 meeting.

"Our intent is to consider the dates. That's all," commission member Terry Denmon said. "We want some dates in advance of the August meeting to let hunters know that all we want to do is solicit comments from them.

"One of the problems we have is that we receive the (LDWF staff) recommendations in August (at the LWFC meeting) and we vote on them that day. That means hunters have only that day (to comment). We want some consensus from them about the (season) dates before we adopt them at the August meeting," Denmon said.

The LWFC also announced it will consider a one mallard-hen limit among the six-ducks-per-day limit at the Aug. 4 meeting. The move is necessary only if the USFWS allows a 60-day season. Provisions of the 45-day limit include a one mallard-hen rule.

In other action during Thursday's meeting:

n The LWFC learned that Wildlife and Fisheries' enforcement agents issued 1,932 citations, 375 written warnings and investigated 33 boating accidents. The report also listed nine fatal boating accidents in June and 22 for the year. There were 14 boating accidents on the Fourth of July weekend with 11 injuries and three fatalities. Enforcement agents made 21 DWI arrests during the holiday weekend.

n Approved, through a Declaration of Emergency, the state trapping season for Nov. 20, 2005 through March 31, 2006, including the continued Coastwide Nutria Control Program, which awards a \$4 bounty per nutria for trappers.

n Approved a resolution that will allow LDWF secretary Dwight Landreneau to open the Fall Inshore Shrimp season. Shrimp Study leader Marty Bourgeois said data indicates white shrimp could reach "100 count marketable size" before the LWFC's Aug. 4 meeting. White shrimp make up the bulk of the fall-season catch.

n Approved a Sept. 17-25 special September teal, rails and gallinules season, a 70-day, 12-bird mourning dove season and a 45-day woodcock season. The move also extends the falconry season to include added days for dove and woodcock hunting.

n After debate centering on the Deer Area 2 with-or-without dogs deer-hunting season, the commission ratified deer, squirrel, rabbit, nutria, bobcat and quail seasons through the 2007-08 hunting seasons.

The debate, spurred by Acadiana-area commission members Earl King and Henry Mouton, called into question the Area 2 season allowing the use of dogs to hunt deer. Area 2 "dog" hunters had 44 days: In 2005-06, it's a 37-day season.

Commission member Fred Miller from Shreveport said the reduction in days "is a non-issue in Area 2. It's coming from a small group of people."

Area 2 takes in all or parts of 22 central, north-central and northwest parishes.

King said he has fielded questions from Area 2 hunters for the last month about the seven-day discrepancy and said hunters called him because, "They could not get satisfaction from Commissioner Miller (because) 'He hates dogs.' That's their words, not mine.

"All they ask of us is to be fair and equitable," King added. "Let's give them back what they had last year and let the Dog Committee decide (days) when we get back to that issue."

Spurred by a call for banning the use of dogs to hunt deer in a major portion of the Atchafalaya Spillway at April's meeting, the LWFC demanded Landreneau organize a committee to help determine the statewide future of using dogs to hunt deer.

Another matter surfaced when Plaquemine Parish hunter Randy Seibert asked the LWFC to reconsider its move to limit the first 15 days of the Area 6 archery season to a bucks-only take.

Seibert said the 2004-05 season allowed hunters south of U.S. 90 to take bucks and does from the Oct. 1 start of the archery season. Area 6 archery hunters north of U.S. 90 had an Oct. 15 start last season.

"We have come here asking to keep what we had, and have yet to hear public comment against taking either-sex deer Oct. 1. We want Oct. 1."

The LWFC did not grant the request.

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COMMISSION MEETING  
ROLL CALL

Thursday, July 7, 2005  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Wildlife and Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Wayne Sagrera (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
Terry Denmon	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
Fred Miller	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
Henry Mouton	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
Earl King	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
Bobby Samanie	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>
Patrick Morrow	<u>✓</u>	<u>      </u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 7 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.  
Secretary Landreneau is also present.

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*Discussion of duck seasons.*

# Outdoors

## Alarming facts about decline in young hunters

My concern began at a that pro-meeting I attended, it escalated when I came home and read my e-mails. The meeting, an organizational get-together to form a local chapter of the National Whitetail Association (NWA), highlighted the increasing need for hunter education for our state's youngsters. The NWA has a plan to help fund programs that will get and keep Louisiana's youngsters involved in hunting. I'll be sharing more information on this vital organization in coming weeks.

The e-mail I received from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) gave statistical proof that the future of hunting in our country – and our state – is in serious jeopardy. What it all boils down to is the decline in the number of youngsters being introduced to hunting. A big chunk of the problem has to do with states that prohibit youngsters from hunting until they're at least 12 years of age, even when accompanied by their parents. In these cases, the thinking is that politicians – not parents – know what is best for these youngsters.

For example, 20 states currently have laws on the books



### Talkin' Outdoors

By Glynn Harris

holds across the country, according to the NSSF survey, are active in the sport.

Another alarming fact is that over the past quarter century, the total number of hunters nationwide has declined 23%.

The NSSF, National Wild Turkey Federation and U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance jointly commissioned this research. Youth participation rates were formulated by dividing the percentage of youth hunters by the percentage of adult hunters to give the Hunter Replacement Ratio (HRR). Ideally, a rate of 1.0 would mean that for each adult hunter who no longer

hunts for reasons of age, death, health, etc, there is a young hunter coming on the scene to take his place.

Nationally, the HRR is .69, which means that only about two-thirds of adult hunters are leaving the sport are being replaced.

What I left me slack-jawed was reviewing how Louisiana stacks up with other states in this regard. We're not one of the 20 states not allowing youngsters under the age of 12 to hunt. Surely our replacement ratio should be high. After all, hunting is a tradition in our state and we naturally bring our kids up to hunt just as we were taught to do, don't we?

Sadly, the answer is browning - no. We're near the bottom of the list with a HRR score of .42. Only Idaho, Oregon, Nevada and Michigan have Hunter Replacement Ratios lower than ours.

What this means, in terms that we can understand, is that for every 100 adult hunters who die or get too old or sick to hunt, only 42 young

hunters are stepping forward to take their places. (To view this document, log on to [www.nssf.org/PDF/FamiliesAfield.pdf](http://www.nssf.org/PDF/FamiliesAfield.pdf))

This is why you are going to be urged to become a part of the National Whitetail Association, an organization that has as an integral part of its mission

statement... "preservation of the hunting heritage... and support of educational outreach programs." A fund raising banquet will be held early this fall and you'll be hearing more about it as the time approaches.

In the meantime, my goal is for you to absorb and chew on the information above and realize that unless something drastic is done to redirect our kids focus on our hunting heritage and the vital role it plays in shaping their future, your great grandchild is not likely to ever know the thrill and excitement of greeting a crisp fall morning deep in the woods with a shotgun slung over his shoulder.



Courtesy photo

IF HUNTING is to endure into the future, more youngsters have to be introduced to the sport.

# **ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT**

**JUNE, 2005**

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**REGION 1: MINDEN****PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,  
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,  
WEBSTER, RED RIVER,  
DESOTO**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>Boating Safety</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Angling W/O Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling W/O License – Non-Resident</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fishing W/O Resident Cane Pole License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Taking/Poss. Over Limit Freshwater Game Fish (Yellow Bass)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take/Poss. Spoonbill Catfish</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Taking Or Possession Of Other Non-Game Birds – No Season</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Resisting An Officer</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Marijuana</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Intentional Littering</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Operate Watercraft While Intoxicated</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Operate ATV On Public Road</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 24**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Boating Safety</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling W/O License – Non-Resident</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1 Paddlefish (Being Held At R-1 Office); 1 Bag Marijuana &amp; 1 Pipe (Turned Over To Crime Lab); 1 Immature Hawk (Being Held At R-1 Office); 62 Yellow Bass (Donated)</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 1**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 2: MONROE****PARISHES: E. CARROLL, JACKSON,  
LINCOLN, MOREHOUSE,  
OUACHITA, RICHALND,  
UNION, W. CARROLL**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Angle Without A Resident Pole License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Allow Person Under 16 To Operate A PWC</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Angle Without A Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Careless Operation (Vessel)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Operate ATV On Public Road</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>DWI ( 1Vehicle, 1 Vessel)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Lake D'Arbonne Yo-Yo Regulations</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angle Without A Non-Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Illegal Size Black Bass</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 20**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No Boat Registration In Possession</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angle Without A Resident License</b>

5	Expired Boat Registration
2	Improper Fire Extinguisher
3	No Boat Registration Numbers
1	Operate Unregistered Motorboat
2	No Observer While Water-skiing
1	Improper Running Lights
2	Failure To Comply With Boating Safety Regulations
1	No Observer In Watercraft While Water-skiing

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
1- Louisiana Driver's License; 1- 15 ½ " Black Bass; 2-Lots of Litter Containing Various Addresses	

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
46	Boating
-0-	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
5	Littering
5	Miscellaneous

<b>14</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 9**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 3: ALEXANDRIA****PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT,  
NATCHITOCHES,  
RAPIDES, SABINE,  
VERNON, WINN**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>233</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
98	Boating
35	Angling W/O A License
2	Possess Undersize Commercial Fin Fish
12	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
3	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Sell Undersize Fish
1	Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
2	Frogging In Closed Season
4	Take Game Fish Illegally
3	Violate Recreational Gear License
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
2	Take Or Possess Alligators Closed Season
1	Violate Interstate Commerce Regulations
1	Fail To Stop At Stop Sign
1	Operate Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia

<b>1</b>	<b>No Drivers License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Misrepresent Booking Information</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Theft Under \$300</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Reckless Operation Of A Vehicle</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Simple Possession Of Marijuana</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Possession Of Alcohol Under Age</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Operate ATV On Public Road</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Misrepresentation During Issuance Of A Misdemeanor</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 7**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Resident License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Illegal Size Black Bass</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>None</b>



**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>98</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>62</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 9**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 4: FERRIDAY****PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA,  
CONCORDIA, FRANKLLIN,  
LASALLE, MADISON, TENSAS**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>Boating Safety Violations</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License Non-Resident</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Game Fish Illegally (Snagging)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Buying Or Selling Deer Meat</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunting MGB From A Vehicle</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunting Geese Closed Season</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Hunting MGB From Public Road</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>State Interstate Commerce Violation</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 15**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Boating Safety Violations</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Angling W/O License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fish W/O Resident Pole License</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>2 White Bass</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 16**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 5: LAKE CHARLES****PARISHES: BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU,  
EVANGELINE, ALLEN,  
CAMERON, ACADIA,  
VERMILION, JEFF DAVIS**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>62</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Angling W/O A Non. Res. License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angling W/O Saltwater License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Take Or Poss. Alligators Closed Season</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Intentional Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Gross Littering</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Other Than Wildlife And Fisheries</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Poss./Take Undersize Controlled Fish</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Poss./Take Overlimit Federal Controlled Fish</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Federal Violations</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 37**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
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<b>1</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Illegal Size Black Bass</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Improperly Riding On Decks Or Gunwales</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>No Observer Or Fail To Comply W/Water Skiing Regulations</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Failure To Display Valid Certificate Decal</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Expired Boat Registration Certificate</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Improper Running Lights</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Failure To Comply W/PFD Requirements</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Improper Boat Numbers</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>2 Speckled Trouts; 1 Redfish; 18 Overlimit And Undersize Redsnapper; 9 Rods; 9 Reels; 2 Lbs. Alligator Meat; 1 Rifle; 1 Spotlight; Marijuana; Litter</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>62</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>

<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Federal Fisheries Violations</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 5**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 6: OPELOUSAS**

**PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,  
PT.COUPÉE, LAFAYETTE,  
ST. LANDRY, ST. MARTIN,  
W.B.R.**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>90</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Take Illegal Size Black Bass</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Over Limit Of Freshwater Game Fish</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell Fish W/O Retail Seafood License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Fail To Maintain Records</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Intentional Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take/Possess Undersize Red Drum</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>Angling W/O License</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Fish W/O Resident Pole License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Angling W/O Non-Resident License</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Frog Closed Season</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Operating Vessel While Intoxicated</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Marijuana</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated</b>



<b>1</b>	<b>Violate ATV Regulations</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Sanitation Code</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell And Buy Fish W/O Wholesale Retail Dealers License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Interstate Commerce Regulations</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Transport W/O Required License</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 71**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Angling W/O License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Illegal Size Black Bass</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Use WMA W/O Stamp Or License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Fish W/O Resident Pole License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Undersize Black Drum</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>27 Frogs, 24 Black Bass, 59 Sac-A-Lait, 1 Red Drum, 22 Bullfrogs, 3 Rod And Reel, 2 Bags Of Suspected Marijuana And 1 Cigarette, 1 Wire Cage, 15 Sacks Of Oysters, 1 Log Book, 1 Beer Can, 19,702 Lbs. Wild Crawfish</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>90</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>74</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>71</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 8**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 7: BATON ROUGE**

**PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,  
E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON  
ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,  
TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,  
W. FELICIANA**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>401</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>265</b>	<b>Boating Safety (15 DWI's)</b>
<b>81</b>	<b>Angling Without Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Angling Without Resident Saltwater License</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Angling Without Non-Resident License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Obtain License By Fraud</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Obtain License During Revocation</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Frogging In Closed Season</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possession Of Red Drum In Federal Waters</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No Reptile And Amphibian Collectors License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Live Alligator Without A Permit</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possession Of Non-Game Bird</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Buy Fish Without Wholesale/Retail Dealers License (Non-Resident)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Maintain Records</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Purchase Game Fish</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Interstate Commerce</b>

<b>1</b>	<b>Criminal Attempt</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No Commercial Fisherman License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No Commercial Gear License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>No Vessel License</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Sell Game Fish</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Transport Without Required License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sell/Buy Fish Without Retail Seafood Dealers License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Mark Crab Traps</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Third Offense-Refusal To Submit To Chemical Test 14:98.7</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possession Of Stolen Property Over \$500</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Contributing To The Delinquency Of A Minor</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Simple Possession Of Marijuana</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Gross Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Scenic Rivers Regulations</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 36**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Boating Safety</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Angling Without Basic License</b>

<b>2</b>	<b>Violate WMA Rules and Regulations</b>
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**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>	
<b>1—Alligator (Released Into The Wild)</b>	<b>2—Fishing Licenses</b>
<b>1—Red Drum (Returned To Water)</b>	<b>1—Joint Of Marijuana (To LSP Crime Lab)</b>
<b>1—Owl (Released To Rehabilitator)</b>	<b>31—Crab Traps (Returned To Owners)</b>
	<b>1—19' Boat-Motor/Trailer (At HQ)</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>265</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>-0-</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>102</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>-0-</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 14**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
	<b>Public Assistance</b>
	<b>1—Medical Assistance</b>
	<b>10—Assist Boaters</b>
	<b>3—Assist Motorists</b>

**REGION 8: NEW ORLEANS****PARISHES: PLAQUEMINES, ST. BERNARD,  
ORLEANS, JEFFERSON,  
ST. CHARLES**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>331</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>75</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>114</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Angling W/O A License Non-Resident</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Recreational Gear License Req.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Angling W/O Saltwater License</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Angling W/O Saltwater License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Poss. O/L Of Red Drum In Excess of 27"(Recreational)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Take/Poss. Red Drum in EEZ</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Take Or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Or Poss. Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Commission Rules And Regulations - Red Snapper</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Commission Rules And Regulations (Misc.) Snapper</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Commission Rules And Regulations - Cobia</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Commission Rules And Regulations (Misc.) Grouper</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Commission Rules And Regulations - Shark</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Commission Rules And Regulations - Tuna</b>

2	Take/Poss. O/L Spotted Sea Trout (On Water)
1	Take Or Poss. O/L Black Drum (Recreational)
1	Obtain License Or Engage In Activity During Revocation Period
2	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Comm. License
5	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License
2	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
8	Sell And/Or Buy Fish Without A Retail Seafood Dealers License
2	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
2	Removing Contents From Crab Traps
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman Use CML Vessel License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman Use CML Gear License
5	Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs
4	Possess over 20% Undersize Crabs
6	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
6	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
2	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
1	Fail To Maintain Traceable Oyster Records
2	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
2	Lake Pontchartrain, Lake St. Catherine Sanctuary Violations
1	Failure To Abide By Commission Rules

4	Frog In Closed Season
2	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
3	Intentional Littering
3	Operating A Vessel While Intoxicated
2	Gross Littering
3	Littering

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 42**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
26	Boating
5	Angling W/O A License
1	Take or Poss. Undersized Red Drum
1	Take or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout(Recreational)
6	Take or Poss. Undersized Black Drum(Recreational)
3	Failure to Display Proper Number on Vessel

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Returned to Water....Crabs(2,400 lbs.)...Shrimp(240 lbs.)...Sold@Bid....2,969 Lbs. Of Shrimp Sold For \$3,211.10....Donated...Speckled Trout(90)...Red Drum(20)...Red Snapper(79)...Mangrove Snapper(4)...Black Drum(4)...Cobia(1)...Gag Grouper(2)...Big Eye Tuna(1)...Shark(4)...Frogs(4)...Oyster Sacks(71)....Hardware Confiscated...Crab Traps(2)...Skimmer Nets(8)...Trawls(5)...Ice Chest(2)...Rod And Reels(23)...Boat(1)...Cast Net(1)



**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>75</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>56</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>180</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 7**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**REGION 9: SCHRIEVER**

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST. JAMES,  
ST. JOHN, ST. MARY,  
TERREBONNE, LAFOURCHE,  
JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE,  
LOWER ST. MARTIN**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>277</b>
	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>102</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>Angling Without Basic License</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Angling Without Non-Resident License</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Violate Recreational Gear License Requirement</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Angling Without Saltwater License</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Angling Without Non-Resident Saltwater License</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Possess Red Drum In EEZ</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Undersize Bowfin</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations By Using Crab Traps On WMA</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations By Commercial Activity On WMA</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Refuse Submit To Chemical Test ( Boat DWI)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations By Fishing Restricted Area On WMA</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations By Illegal Hours On WMA</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations By Operating Airboat Without Permit On WMA</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Marijuana</b>

<b>3</b>	<b>Possession Of Alcohol By Person Under 21 Years Of Age</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Litter</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Take Undersized Red Drum</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Take Illegal Size Black Bass</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout Recreationally</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Take Undersized Black Drum Recreationally</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Over Limit Spotted Sea Trout On Water</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Comply With Charter Boat Regulation</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Shad Gill Net Gear License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Skimmer Net Gear License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Crab Trap Gear License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Take Commercial Fish Without Vessel License</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Blocking Passage Of Fish</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Use Crab Traps Without Required Markings</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Allow Another To Use Commercial License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Commercial Gear License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Shad Gill Net Provisions By Leaving Net Unattended</b>

3	Sell Undersized Commercial Crabs (10% To 19%)
7	Possess Over 20 % Undersize Commercial Crabs
2	Possession Of Undersized Commercial Crabs
2	Impede Navigation By Using Skimmer Nets
2	Use Oversize Butterfly Nets
2	Use Oversize Skimmer Nets
1	Failure To Have Written Permission (Oyster)
3	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
1	Selling For Resale Untagged Oysters
1	Possession Of Untagged Oysters
1	Fail To Comply With Alligator Parts Tagging Requirements
1	Collect Reptile And Amphibians Without Basic Fishing License
10	Frog Closed Season
1	Use WMA Without License
1	DWI (Boat)

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 102**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
11	Angling Without Basic License
8	Angling Without Saltwater License
79	Boating

1	Take Undersized Black Drum Recreationally
3	Commission Rules And Regulations Recreational Sharks Closed Season

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
130 Catfish; 300 Lbs. Shad; 1,690 Lbs. Crabs; 91 Speckled Trout; 553 Lbs. Shrimp; 1,312 Lbs. Shrimp Sold \$1,443.25; 20 Black Drum; 104 Sacks Oysters; 114 Frogs; 11 Black Bass; 2 Alligator Heads; 11 Red Drum; 1 Spinner Shark; 6 Garfish; 3 Bowfin; 7 Rods And Reels; Marijuana Cigarettes; 10 Cans Beer; 3 Boats And Motors; 2 Commercial Licenses; 6 Crab Traps; 2 Champagne Baskets; 1 Shad Gill Net; 2 Skimmer Nets; 1 Butterfly Net; 1 Ice Chest; 2 Oyster Dredges; 2 Commercial Purchase Receipts	

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
102	Boating
45	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
4	Littering
8	Miscellaneous
106	Recreational Fishing
12	State Hunting/Trapping
102	Written Warnings

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 10**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Public Assistance

**OYSTER STRIKE FORCE****COASTAL WATERS**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
9	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
5	Unlawfully Take Oysters From Private Lease
3	Failure To Have Written Permission
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Vessel License
1	Use Crab Traps Without Required Markings
2	Take Shrimp In Restricted Area
1	Harvest Oysters From An Unmarked Lease
1	Violate Sanitary Code (Log Book)
2	Use Gear Without Recreational Gear License
1	Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum
1	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum
1	Operate An Unregistered Motor Boat
1	Fail To Display Valid Certificate Decal
1	Fail To Change Ownership Of Registration (45 days)
1	Improper Boat Numbers
2	Fail To Comply With PFD Requirement
1	Possession Of An Outboard With Serial Numbers Removed

<b>1</b>	<b>Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On The WMA</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Illegal Possession Of Marijuana</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Contributing To The Delinquency Of A Juvenile</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 1**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>No Fire Extinguisher</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>97 Sacks Of Oysters, 650 Pounds Of Crabs, 4 Red Drum, 3 Black Drum</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OSF:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>

<b>1</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>
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**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 2**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>



**SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT****STATEWIDE**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Buy/Sell Fish Without A Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's License</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Buy/Sell Fish Without A Retail Seafood Dealer's License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Maintain Records</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Purchase Game Fish</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Possess Undersized Crabs (10% - 19%) Commercial Hard</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Sell Undersized Crabs (10% - 19%)</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Possess Over 20% Undersized Crabs</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Buying Or Selling For Resale Untagged Oysters</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Maintain Traceable Oyster Records</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>( State Lacey)-Violate State Interstate Commerce Regulations</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Discharge Firearm From Public Road</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 0**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>0</b>	

**CONFISCATIONS:**

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SIU:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 0**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**S.W.E.P.****COASTAL WATERS**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Reckless Operation of Watercraft</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Illegal Possession of Marijuana</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Contributing To The Delinquency Of A Minor</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possession Of Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Vessel License</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Motorboat With Serial Number Removed</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Angle W/O License (Non-Resident)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Possess Undersize Red Snapper</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Possess Undersize Gag Grouper</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Fail To Keep Saltwater Fish Intact (Fillets)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Take Undersize Spotted Sea Trout</b>

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 7**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Improper Fire Extinguisher</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Operate Unregistered Motorboat</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Violate Commercial Rules And Regulations (Shark)</b>

1	Violate Commercial Rules And Regulations (Red Snapper)
3	Angle W/O License

**CONFISCATIONS:**

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
35 Red Snapper; 1 Gag Grouper; 9 Sacks Oysters; 12 Spotted Sea Trout

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SWEP:**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
15	Boating
14	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
6	Miscellaneous
2	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
7	Written Warnings

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 0**

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

**REFUGE PATROL****MARSH ISLAND, ROCKEFELLER,  
STATE WILDLIFE**

<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
3	Angling Without A License
2	Angling Without A License Non-Resident
4	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species Without A Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Gear License
4	Destroy Legal Crab Traps Or Removing Contents
1	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
5	Improper Running Lights
5	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements
1	Fail To Have PFD On Person Under 13 While Underway
14	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
2	Operate ATV Vehicle On Public Road

**WRITTEN WARNINGS: 13**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CITATION</b>
2	No Observer Or Fail To Comply With Water Skiing Regulations
3	No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession
2	Failure To Display Valid Certificate Decal
1	Expired Boat Registration Certificate

<b>1</b>	<b>Improper Running Lights</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Not Abiding by Rules And Regulations On WMA</b>

**CONFISCATIONS:**

<b>CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>230 Live Crabs RTW; 11 Croakers RTW; 1 Shakespeare Rod And Quantum Reel; 1 Shakespeare Rod And Reel; 1 ½ Boxes Containing Live Crabs RTW</b>

**TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE:**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Boating</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Federal Migratory</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Littering</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>State Hunting/Trapping</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Written Warnings</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 11**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Public Assistance</b>

**TOTAL CASES:** 1,932

**WRITTEN WARNINGS:** 375

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:** 92

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**ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT**  
**JUNE 2005**

**185 – Amph. – 61092**  
**Hrs. - 6**

**185 – Amph. – 1322R**  
**Hrs. - 18.9**

**210 – 9467Y**  
**Hrs. - 16.7**

**Enforcement Hours - 13.6**

**Wildlife Hours- 6.5**

**Marine Fish Hours- 8.9**

**Inland Fish Hours- 4.4**

**Fur & Refuge Hours- 4.8**

**Other State Departments**  
**Dept. of Env. Quality**

**3.4**

**Total Plane Use - 41.6**

## Fourth of July Holiday Boating Safety Report

Boating Accidents – 14

Injuries – 11

Fatalities – 3

DWI Arrests - 21

Media Events - 11  
(articles, interviews, ride-alongs)

# **MONTHLY BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT**

**June 2005**

	<u><b>June</b></u>	<u><b>Year to date</b></u>
<b>Number of Boating Accidents Reported:</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Number of Injuries:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Number of Fatalities:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>

**6/3/05          Terrebonne Parish**  
**Vessel struck submerged object in Bayou Sale causing property damage only.**

**6/4/05          Orleans Parish**  
**Vessel struck another vessel while docking. Property damage only.**

**6/4/05          St. Mary Parish**  
**Commercial vessel struck a recreational vessel while docking, causing property damage.**

**6/4/05          Livingston Parish**  
**Personal watercraft struck a pier causing one injury.**

**6/4/05          St. Tammany Parish**  
**Vessel struck a submerged object in Tchefuncte River, causing outdrive to be torn from boat's transom.**

**6/9/05          Caldwell Parish**  
**Two men were ejected from a boat while fishing yo-yos. Both drown and were recovered two days later.**

**6/9/05          St. Martin Parish**  
**Vessel struck concrete bridge support in Henderson Bay, ejecting both occupants. Both were injured.**

**6/11/05        St. Martin Parish**  
**Two vessel collision in Bayou Long with property damage only.**

**6/12/05        Ascension Parish**  
**Skier lost footing on a wake board and broke his leg in the fall.**

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- 6/12/05 Sabine Parish**  
Vessel capsized in Toledo Bend Lake due to bad weather conditions.  
Operator used PFD and hung on to a stump until he was rescued by WLF agents.
- 6/12/05 St. Tammany Parish**  
Vessel began taking on water in Lake Pontchartrain and overturned.
- 6/12/05 Ouachita Parish**  
Operator lost control of personal watercraft and struck a tree. No injury.
- 6/17/05 Evangeline Parish**  
Vessel struck tree and capsized in Cocodrie Lake.
- 6/17/05 Calcasieu Parish**  
Personal watercraft struck a large wake of another boat causing operator to lose control and strike a bridge support. Operator suffered head and neck injuries.
- 6/18/05 Terrebonne Parish**  
Person broke leg while being pulled behind boat on a knee board.
- 6/18/05 Tensas Parish**  
Subject stepped off the side of a pontoon boat in Lake Bruin and died from drowning.
- 6/17/05 Plaquemines Parish**  
Outriggers of two boats became entangled at fuel dock in Venice causing property damage.
- 6/18/05 Tangipahoa Parish**  
Vessel struck an underwater object in South Pass and sunk. No injury.
- 6/18/05 Tangipahoa Parish**  
Two vessel collision in Tangipahoa River. Operator of at fault vessel was ejected and drown.
- 6/18/05 Livingston Parish**  
Vessel hit a large wake in Tickfaw River and it's hull came apart, causing vessel to sink.
- 6/18/05 Pointe Coupee Parish**  
Personal watercraft struck a pier in False River. No injuries.
- 6/19/05 Calcasieu Parish**  
Operator swung two persons riding on a tube into a pier. One of the riders was killed upon impact with the pier.

- 6/19/05      St. Tammany Parish**  
A 21 foot motorboat collided with a personal watercraft in Lake Pontchartrain causing property damage and minor injuries.
- 6/19/05      St. Mary Parish**  
Vessel operator towing a tube make a 180 degree turn in Lake Palourde and slung the tube into the path of another vessel. One occupant of the tube suffered minor injuries.
- 6/20/05      St. Martin Parish**  
Vessel struck bridge support of I-10 in Henderson Bay, causing fatal injuries to the operator.
- 6/21/05      St. Bernard Parish**  
Vessel struck a bridge in Bayou Terre Aux Bouefs, causing property damage.
- 6/23/05      Washington Parish**  
Operator was thrown from vessel while attempting to load it onto a trailer. Vessel's propeller struck the operator causing death.
- 6/25/05      Livingston Parish**  
Vessel struck submerged object in Amite River, causing heavy damage to the hull.
- 6/25/05      Iberville Parish**  
Vessel struck an object in the water and ejected 4 occupants before striking a tree. One injury was reported.
- 6/25/05      Iberville Parish**  
Vessel began taking on water in Lil Bayou Pigeon and sunk.
- 6/25/05      Jefferson Parish**  
One vessel struck another while docking at marina in Grand Isle, causing property damage.
- 6/26/05      Calcasieu Parish**  
Subject jumped out of a moving vessel in the Sabine River and drown.
- 6/29/05      Assumption Parish**  
Unoccupied vessel found floating in a canal near Bay Alcide. Body of operator was eventually recovered near the vessel.
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**Notice: This report only represents accidents reported to and investigated by the Enforcement Division. Some or all of these accidents are still under investigation and cause or fault may or may not have been determined. Information provided is for informational purposes only. For more information contact Lt. Colonel Brian Spillman, Boating Law Administrator at 225-765-2987.**

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**White, Tisha**

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**From:** LaCaze, B "Keith"  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 07, 2005 8:42 AM  
**To:** White, Tisha  
**Subject:** FW: LDWF Region 7 Enforcement News (June 28, 2005)

## **NEWS FROM THE LA. DEPT. OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES**

The Public Information Section of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is responsible for the distribution of LDWF news releases and the department's biweekly newsletter.

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2005-178

## **OFFSHORE PATROLS RESULT IN RECREATIONAL FISHERIES VIOLATIONS**

Agents with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division cited four people for alleged violations of red snapper regulations on June 16, while patrolling offshore Louisiana waters in the Federal Exclusive Economic Zone as part of a Joint Enforcement Agreement with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Benhail U. Gordon, 31, and Selena A. Gordon, 28, both from Slidell, Deborah R. Fotheringham, 33, of Auburn, Calif., and Tommy Ardeneux, 30, of Covington were cited for possessing undersized red snapper. Gordon was additionally cited for having more than the legal limit of red snapper and for one undersized gag grouper.

Agents checked the four people after they were done fishing near oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico. Inspections of their catch revealed 34 red snapper, all under the legal size limit of 16 inches, and one gag grouper that was less than the legal size limit of 22 inches in length. The possession limit for red snapper is four per person.

Maximum penalties for possessing undersized red snapper, possessing more than the legal limit of red snapper and possessing undersized gag grouper are fines of \$350 or jail time for 60 days, or both, plus court costs. The four people were also issued civil restitution notices for the value of the undersized fish. All fish involved in the incident were seized and donated to local charities.

Agents participating in the case were Lt. Pete Bordes, Sgt. Todd Laviolette and Senior Agent Robert Cosse.

**EDITORS: For more information, contact Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze at (225) 765-2987 or [klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov](mailto:klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov) <<mailto:klacaze@wlf.louisiana.gov>>.**

**LaCaze, B "Keith"**

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**From:** Einck, Adam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 28, 2005 1:37 PM  
**To:** Burke, Marianne  
**Subject:** LDWF Region 8 and 9 Enforcement News (June 28, 2005)

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2005-177

### **ST. CHARLES MAN ARRESTED FOR FELONY D.W.I.**

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Division agents arrested a St. Charles Parish man for allegedly driving a motorboat while intoxicated on June 23.

David K. Knight, 38, of Montz was booked into the Nelson Coleman Correctional Center in St. Charles Parish after he was stopped in the Bonnet Carre Spillway for a boating compliance check. During the inspection, the agents noticed that Knight appeared to be intoxicated. He performed poorly on several standardized field sobriety tests and was arrested for his third offense of driving while intoxicated (DWI). Knight refused to submit to breath testing for blood alcohol content and was subsequently cited for failure to submit to a chemical test.

The penalty for third offense DWI is one to five years of imprisonment with or without hard labor and a fine of \$2,000. The vessel used during the violation is also subject to seizure by the court.

Failure to submit to the chemical test carries the same penalties as a first offense DWI. The offender shall be fined \$300 to \$1,000, and shall be imprisoned between 10 days and 6 months.

Senior Agents Eddie Skena and Jeff Robinson participated in the investigation.

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## **THREE PEOPLE DIE IN SEPARATE BOATING ACCIDENTS OVER HOLIDAY WEEKEND**

Three people died in boating accidents in Louisiana over the long Fourth of July weekend, according to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement division agents.

In addition to the three fatalities, there were 12 injuries reported in the 15 recorded boating accidents from Friday through Monday evening.

In St. James Parish, 20-year-old Jennie Loque of Paulina was killed in a two-boat collision on Blind River. Louque was a passenger in a boat operated by a 16-year-old when the boat collided with a vessel piloted by Wilson Roussel of Baton Rouge. Louque was ejected from the vessel and died from apparent head injuries. The juvenile operator was charged with DWI in the incident.

In Bienville Parish, Karen Holeyfield of Ringgold died Monday as a result of injuries sustained when the personal watercraft she was operating was struck by another personal watercraft operated by Edward Aman of Shreveport. Aman was booked into the Bienville Parish jail and charged with third offense DWI, reckless operation of a watercraft and vehicular homicide.

In St. Tammany Parish, a Marrero resident died when the personal watercraft on which she was a passenger was struck by a 20-foot runabout boat in Bayou Bonfuca. Laura Bergeron, 25, was riding with Thomas A Vanness, Jr. of Marrero when their vessel collided with the boat driven by Nathan Crabtree of Marrero. Charges are pending in the incident, which is still under investigation.

**EDITORS: For more information, contact Lt. Col. Brian Spillman (225) 765-2987 or [bspillman@wlf.louisiana.gov](mailto:bspillman@wlf.louisiana.gov)**

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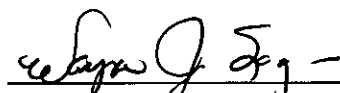
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## **RULE**

### **Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

## **Title 76**

### **WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**

#### **Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations**

#### **Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season**

##### **§101. General**

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30:1493 (July 2004), LR 31: (July 2005).

##### **§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008**

**A. Shooting hours.** One-half hour before sunrise to one-half

hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	2005-2008 Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of November <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Day of February	10	20
Rabbit and Squirrel	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of October <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Day of February	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season

C. 2005-2008 Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last day of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Sun. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> Sat. before Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> next to last Sun. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan.

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6	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Feb. 15 (1 <sup>st</sup> 15 days are BUCKS ONLY)	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Nov.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after the next to last Sun. of Jan. <u>CLOSES:</u> Last Sun. of Jan.	<u>OPENS:</u> Sat. before Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec.	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Next to last Sun. of Jan.
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8	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Sept. <u>CLOSES:</u> Jan. 15	<u>OPENS:</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct.  <u>OPENS:</u> Mon. after Thanksgiving Day <u>CLOSES:</u> Fri. before 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec.	<u>OPENS:</u> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after Thanksgiving Day	<u>OPENS:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. <u>CLOSES:</u> Sun. after 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan.

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Allen	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 8	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Ascension	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Assumption	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Avoyelles	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Beauregard	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 8	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Bienville	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Bossier	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Caddo	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Calcasieu	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 8	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Caldwell	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Cameron	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Catahoula	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Claiborne	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Concordia	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
DeSoto	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1



Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
East Baton Rouge	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
East Carroll	Area 4 portion	Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, east of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison Parish line.
	Area 4	Nov. 12-13, 25-27, remainder of the parish
East Feliciana	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Evangeline	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Franklin	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 10-11
Grant	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 10-11
	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Iberia	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 7	Oct. 15-16, Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4
Iberville	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Jackson	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Jefferson	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Jefferson Davis	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Lafayette	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Lafourche	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
LaSalle	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11
	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Lincoln	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Livingston	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Madison	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Morehouse	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 4	Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Natchitoches	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Orleans		Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 4	Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Plaquemines	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Pointe Coupee	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, Dec. 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Rapides	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 10-11
	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Red River	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Richland	Area 4	Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Sabine	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
St. Bernard	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Charles	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Helena	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. James	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. John	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Landry	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, Nov. 25-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Martin	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
St. Mary	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 7	Oct. 15-16, Nov. 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 3-4
St. Tammany	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Tangipahoa	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Tensas	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Terrebonne	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Union	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Vermilion	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Vernon	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
	Area 3	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
	Area 8	Oct. 15-16, 22-23, 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 3-4
Washington	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
Webster	Area 2	Oct. 29-Nov. 6, 12-13, 19-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
West Baton Rouge	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
West Carroll	Area 5	Nov. 25-26
West Feliciana	Area 1	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11
	Area 6	Nov. 19-20, 23-27, Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1
Winn	Area 2	Oct. 29-30, Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 25-27, Dec. 10-11, 24-25, 31, Jan. 1

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 1-7 Dec. 1-7 Jan. 1-7

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

G. Promotional Hunting Days

1. The following dates are established as promotional hunting days: the 1<sup>st</sup> three days after Thanksgiving Day.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

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<p align="center"><b>2005-2008 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA HUNTING SCHEDULES</b></p>
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### 1. ACADIANA CONSERVATION

**CORRIDOR** (Department Owned - 2,285 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities.

**Deer:**

Archery only: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either-sex.

All other seasons **CLOSED**. No motorized vehicles allowed and no access via I-49 right-of-way.

### 2. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner -

Office of Forestry-LDAF - 7,875 Acres, Pineville Office):

From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call 318-487-5172 or 318-487-5058 for information on burning schedules.

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

**Deer:**

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

Firearms: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, bucks only.

Muzzleloader: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct. for 2 days; first Sat. of Nov. for 2 days. All deer must be brought to weigh station, either-sex.

**Small Game:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during muzzleloader season.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside. (Certain areas may be closed as posted).

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires **EXCEPT** in recreational areas.

### 3. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner - State of Louisiana - 137,695 Acres, New Iberia Office):

Self-clearing Permit required for deer and unmarked hog hunting only. Self-clearing permits available from Main Delta campground and Cul-de-sac on Big Island.

**Big Island:** **CLOSED** to all activities during the month of October, **EXCEPT** Youth Lottery Deer Hunts.

**Deer:**

Experimental Youth Lottery Deer Hunt: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct. for 2 days and last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days on Big Island only, either-sex, daily youth permit required. Call New Iberia office, Fur and Refuge Division (337) 373-0032 for details.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31 on Main Delta only (Big Island **CLOSED** during October); no deer hunting on Wax Lake Delta. All harvested deer must be checked

in at Atchafalaya Delta Headquarters.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside, **EXCEPT** shooting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to 2:00 p.m. during opening weekends of teal and duck season and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season..

**Small Game Hunting for Rabbit Only:** Wax Lake

**Delta:** Oct. 1-31 and Feb. 1 to the last day of

Feb. with or without beagles. Nov. 1-Jan. 31

without beagles only. **Main Delta:** Feb. 1 to the

last day of Feb. with or without beagles.

**CLOSED October through January.**

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.

Camping and houseboat mooring allowed **ONLY** in designated areas.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited **EXCEPT** as permitted for authorized WMA trappers.

### 4. ATTAKAPAS (Owner - State of Louisiana -

25,730 Acres, Opelousas Office):

**Area CLOSED** to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth deer season is open.

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

**Deer:**

Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either sex.

Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days; Fri. before 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 3 days.

Firearms Bucks Only: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

Muzzleloader: Mon. after next to last Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, either-sex.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during firearms either-sex and youth deer season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and the day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.

### 5. BAYOU MACON (Department Owned - 6,919 Acres, Monroe Office):

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

**Firearms Lottery Hunt:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Hunters must check in at Hwy. 2 to have permit validated.

**Muzzleloader:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during firearms lottery season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

**Raccoon:** (Nighttime): 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

All night activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

**6. BAYOU PIERRE** (Department Owned - 2,212 Acres, Minden Office):

Waterfowl Refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing **EXCEPT** for archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs. Contact Region 1 Wildlife Division, Minden Office, for details for lottery hunts listed below at 318-371-3050.

**Deer:**

**Archery only:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex. Archery hunting is allowed in the waterfowl refuge.

**Dove:** Same as outside **EXCEPT** opening day of 1<sup>st</sup> split will be restricted to those persons selected as a result of a pre-application lottery.

**Waterfowl: Lottery Hunt Only** (Portion west of Bayou Pierre) - First two weekends of the last split of the West Zone season.

**Other Small Game:** Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

**Raccoon** (Nighttime): 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

**7. BENS CREEK** (Owner - Weyerhaeuser Co., Inc. - 13,044 Acres, Baton Rouge Office):

**Area Closed:** To all **EXCEPT** Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters during Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory deer check; 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Mon. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 28 days.

**Muzzleloader:** Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 12 days, either-sex.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms season for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

**Raccoon** (Nighttime): the day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.

**8. BIG COLEWA BAYOU** (Department Owned - 899 Acres, Monroe Office):

**Self-Clearing Permit not required.**

**Deer:**

**Archery only:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb. All nighttime activities prohibited.

**9. BIG LAKE** (Department Owned - 19,231 Acres, Ferriday Office):

**Area Closed:** To all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth deer season is open.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Youth:** Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, mandatory deer check.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and Sat. closest to Jan. 1 for 9 days.

**Muzzleloader:** Day after firearms bucks only season closes for 7 days, either-sex.

**Small Game:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms seasons. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms seasons.

**Raccoon** (Nighttime): the day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.

**10. BILOXI** (Owner - Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation - 42,787 Acres, New Iberia Office):

**Self-Clearing Permits not required.**

**Deer:**

**Archery only:** October through January. First 15 days are bucks only.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT** beagles allowed for rabbits when duck

season is closed.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October through February**.

**11. BODCAU** (Owner - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 34,355 Acres, Minden Office):

**Area Closed (portion):** on designated portion. Closed to all **EXCEPT** Youth deer hunters during the Youth Deer Hunt.

**Youth Squirrel Hunt:** 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Youth:** Sat. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

**Muzzleloader:** Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days, either-sex.

**Modern Firearms:** Sat. after 4<sup>th</sup> Fri. of Oct. to the Sun. after Thanksgiving Day.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Sat. after the 4<sup>th</sup> Fri. of Oct. for 9 days, the following Sat. and Sun., and the following Sat. for 9 days.

**Small Game:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during the youth deer hunt on designated portion. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside.

**Raccoon:** (Nighttime) **Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

**12. BOEUF** -(Department Owned - 50,967 Acres, Ferriday Office):

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Sun. after Thanksgiving Day, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

**Muzzleloader:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 7 days, either-sex.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Fri. and Sat. after Thanksgiving Day. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.**

No internal combustion engines and craft allowed in Green Tree Reservoir.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

**13. BUCKHORN** (Department Owned - 11,262 Acres, Ferriday Office):

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Sat. after Christmas Day **EXCEPT** when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun. then the Mon. after Christmas Day to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Jan.

**Muzzleloader:** Mon. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, either-sex.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting the day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

**14. CAMP BEAUREGARD** (Louisiana National Guard - 12,500 Acres, Pineville Office):

**Daily military clearance is required for all recreational users.** Registration for use of Self-Clearing permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone (318) 641-3355, 641-3365 or LDWF, Region III Office, telephone (318) 487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit.

**Area Closed:** To all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters when youth deer season is open.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Youth Deer Hunt:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Dec. 26-Jan. 1.

**Muzzleloader:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either-sex. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex gun hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting **Sat. after Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.**

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

**15. CLEAR CREEK** (Owner - Forest Capital Partners - 55,672 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

**Area Closed:** To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters when the Youth Deer Season is open.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Mon. after the last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

**Muzzleloader:** Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days, either-sex.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex gun hunts. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 2 to the last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Jan. 2 to the last day of Feb.

**16. DEWEY W. WILLS** (Department Owned - 61,871 Acres, Pineville Office):

**Area Closed:** to all EXCEPT Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters during the Handicapped and Youth Deer Hunt only on that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Special Handicapped and Youth Deer Season:** Last Sat. of Oct. either-sex. Only that portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to handicapped and youth deer hunters. The remainder of the area is open to other hunters.

**Special Youth Lottery:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Jan. for 2 days, either-sex. Contact Region 3 Office (318-487-5885) for details and applications.

**Firearms Either-sex:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, Daily Permit.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Sat. after Christmas Day EXCEPT when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun. then the Mon. after Christmas Day to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Jan.

**Muzzleloader:** Sat. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Jan. for 4 days, either-sex.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during Handicapped and Youth Deer Season north of the Diversion Canal and the entire area during the either-sex firearm hunt. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

**Nighttime Chase only:** May 1-Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take season only.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb.

**Crawfish:** Limited to 100 pounds per person per day. All season dates on Larto Tracts (see WMA map) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to ARCHERY ONLY. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

**17. ELBOW SLOUGH** (Department Owned - 160 acres, Pineville Office):

**Mourning Dove:** Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only during Sept. and Oct. of the outside season.

**Rabbit:** Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb. Beagles allowed.

All other seasons closed. Steel shot only for all hunting.

**18. ELM HALL** (Department Owned - 2,839 Acres, Opelousas Office):

Self-clearing permits required for hunters only.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and Sat. after Christmas Day EXCEPT when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun., then the Mon. after Christmas Day to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Jan.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearm seasons for deer.

No ATVs allowed.

**19. FLOY WARD McELROY** (Department Owned - 681 acres, Monroe Office):

**Access restricted.** Contact Monroe Region Office at 318-343-4045 for information.

**Deer:**

**Youth Lottery Hunt:** Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. for 2 days. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

**Youth Mourning Dove Hunt:** Second weekend of the Mourning Dove Season (Saturday and Sunday only).



**20. FORT POLK** (Owner - U.S. Army and U.S. Forest Service - 105,545 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

**Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game.** Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk or the building at Alligator Lake entrance, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or 337-531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system. New special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at [http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk\\_hunt/](http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk_hunt/).

**Deer:**

**Archery:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex. Special Archery regulations for Cantonment Area, check locally at Building #7654, either-sex deer legal the entire season. Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when bucks only gun season is in progress. **Muzzleloader:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct. for 7 days, and 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either-sex, Self-Clearing Permit required, Special Permit, Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, and Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, Self-Clearing Permit. **Firearms Bucks Only:** Mon. after last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, the Mon. after 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 5 days, the Mon. after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 5 days, and Mon. after 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Dec. to Jan. 1.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 2 to the last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from beginning of Archery Season to Jan. 1.

**Fishing:** Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

**21. GRASSY LAKE** (Department Owned - 12,983 Acres, Opelousas Office):

**Area Closed:** To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Hunt.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

**Youth:** Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Daily permit.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Sun. after Thanksgiving Day, and Sat. after Christmas Day EXCEPT when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun., then the

Mon. after Christmas Day to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Jan. **Muzzleloader:** Mon. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, either-sex.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**Sport Fishing:** Same as outside EXCEPT permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

**Commercial Fishing:** Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor Spring Bayou Headquarters or Opelousas Region Office.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**Crawfishing:** April 1-July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs per boat or group daily.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

**22. JACKSON-BIENVILLE** (Owner - Weyerhaeuser, et. al. - 32,185 Acres, Minden Office):

**Area Closed (portion):** Closed to all EXCEPT youth and handicapped deer hunters during the Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt.

**Youth Squirrel Hunt:** 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

**Deer:**  
**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either sex.  
**Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters:** Sat. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, for handicapped and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact Minden Region Office for Handicapped Permits and specific map. Handicapped Permit must be obtained in advance from any Region Office. Self-Clearing permits are also required. **Note:** Daily Permits will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the day before the season at the Field Office Daily Permit Check Station on North Road. Daily Permit Check Stations will be open at 4:30 a.m. for the 1<sup>st</sup> two days.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Sat. before Thanksgiving Day to the Sun. after Thanksgiving Day, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, the Sat. closest to Christmas Day for 2 days, and the Sat. closest to New Year's Day for 2 days, daily permit required for the 1<sup>st</sup> two days.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Mon. after

Thanksgiving Day for 12 days, the Mon. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 12 days, and Mon. after Sat. closest to Christmas Day for 5 days.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt (a portion only) and whole area during the 1<sup>st</sup> two days of firearms either-sex season and EXCEPT waterfowl may only be hunted on Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting after firearms deer season ends to the last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Day after firearms deer season ends to last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to the last day of Feb. All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station or Daily Permit Station.

**23. JOYCE** (Department Owned - 15,059 Acres, Joyce Heirs - 851 Acres, Tangipahoa Parish School Board - 484 Acres, Baton Rouge Office):

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

**Firearms:** Same as outside, still hunt only.

**All Other Game:** Same as outside, still hunt only.

**Swamp Walk:** Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

**24. LAKE BOEUF** (Department Owned - 802 Acres, New Iberia Office):

**Self-Clearing Permit required for deer and hog hunting only.** Self-Clearing Permit available at Theriot Canal boat landing off LA Hwy. 308.

Hunting until 12:00 noon for all game EXCEPT during Youth Lottery Hunt. All nighttime activities prohibited.

**AREA CLOSED:** All of October, EXCEPT for Youth Lottery Deer Hunters and use of waterways for access purposes only.

**Deer:**

**Experimental Youth Lottery Hunt:** Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, and last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, (afternoons only), either-sex. Daily youth hunt permit required. To apply or for more information, contact New Iberia Office, Fur and Refuge Division, 337-373-0032.

**Archery:** Nov. 1-Jan. 31.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside.

**Small Game:** Nov. 1 to last day of Feb. Beagles prohibited November and December.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Nov. 1 to the last day of Feb.

**25. LAKE RAMSEY** (Department Owned - 796 Acres, Baton Rouge Office):

**Deer:**

**Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.**

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Sat. after Jan. 1 to last day of Feb.

**Foot traffic only - All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.**

**26. LITTLE RIVER** (Department Owned - 4,727 Acres, Pineville Office):

**Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.**

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Last Sat. of Oct. for 16 days.

**Muzzleloader:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either-sex.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Mon. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

**Nighttime Chase Only:** May 1-Sept. 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take seasons only.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Mon. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Jan. to the last day of Feb.

**27. LOGGY BAYOU** (Department Owned - 4,084, State land Office-159, U. S. Army Corp of Engineers-2,138 Acres, Minden Office):

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, mandatory deer check.

**Muzzleloader:** Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days, either-sex.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Mon. closest to Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Mon. closest to Jan. 1 to the last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

**28. MANCHAC** (Department Owned - 8,328 Acres, Baton Rouge Office):

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-15 bucks only; Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT steel shot required for rails, snipe and gallinules.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

**Crabs:** No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

**29. MAUREPAS SWAMP** (Department Owned - 61,950 acres, Baton Rouge Office):

**Area Closed:** To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Season.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-15 bucks only; Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

**Youth:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

**Muzzleloader:** Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days, either-sex.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts.

Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting last Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

No loaded firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of Nature Trail.

**30. OUACHITA** (Department Owned - 9,641 Acres, Monroe Office):

**Area Closed:** To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Season.

**Waterfowl Refuge:** North of LA Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing, trapping and ATV use during duck season including early teal season.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Youth Deer Hunt:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

**Waterfowl:** South of LA Hwy. 15, same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer, EXCEPT for the Pintail Alley area.

**Small Game:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

**Crawfish:** April 1-May 31, 100 pounds per person per

day limit. No traps or nets left overnight.

**Commercial Fishing:** CLOSED.

All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

**31. PASS-A-LOUTRE** (Department Owned - 115,596 Acres, New Iberia Office):

**Self-Clearing Permit required for deer, unmarked hunting and camping only.** Permits available at Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters and all designated camping areas.

**Deer:** Archery only, Oct. 1-15, bucks only. Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either-sex. All deer and hogs must be checked in at Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside.

Beagles prohibited October through December.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from October through March. Hunters may harvest hogs during March only by using shotguns with shot no larger than BB lead or F shot steel, or no larger than 22 caliber rimfire firearms.

**Commercial Fishing:** Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA Map.

Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

Camping and houseboat mooring allowed ONLY in designated areas. See Self-Clearing Permit Stations at headquarters for designated camping areas.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

**32. PEARL RIVER** (Department Owned - 35,031 Acres, Baton Rouge Office):

**Area Closed:** To all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters during Youth Deer Season.

**Youth Squirrel Hunt:** 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Youth Deer Hunt:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days Mandatory Deer Check. Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 14 days and Mon. after 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

**Muzzleloader:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Nov. for 9 days and day after firearms bucks only season closes for 19 days, either-sex.

**Small Game:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT** no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area and **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunts for deer north of U.S. Hwy. 90.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb. Hogs may be taken with dogs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Feb. to last day of Feb. only by permit available from Baton Rouge Office.

All roads closed 8 p.m. - 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$6.00 fee. For more information call 985-643-3938 or [www.honeyisland.org](http://www.honeyisland.org).

### **33. PEASON RIDGE** (Owner - U.S. Army - 33,010 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

**Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game.** Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, telephone no. 1-888-718-3029 or (337) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-Sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued. ([http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk\\_hunt/](http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk_hunt/)).

#### **Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Muzzleloader:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct. for 7 days, and 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either-sex. Special Permits available at Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Last Sat. of Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, Mon. after 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 5 days, Mon. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 5 days, and Mon. after 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of

Dec. for 2 days.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed day after firearms bucks only season ends to last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Jan. 1.

### **34. POINTE-AUX-CHENES** (Department Owned - 35,267 Acres, New Iberia Office):

All nighttime activities prohibited.

**Self-Clearing Permit required for deer hunting only.** Self-Clearing permits available from headquarters on LA Hwy. 665 at Point Farm gate behind Montegut Middle School and at Bason's Boat Landing in Cutoff.

**Trapping:** Trapping is allowed only by written agreement with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Fur and Refuge Division.

Hunting until 12 noon on all game **EXCEPT** for mourning dove and youth lottery deer hunts.

All Pointe-aux-Chenes property **EXCEPT** Point Farm Unit and Restricted Areas:

#### **Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 7 days.

**Small Game:** Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** during bucks only firearms seasons. Beagles prohibited October through December.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside. Experimental Lottery Handicapped Waterfowl Hunt. Contact New Iberia office, Fur and Refuge Division for details (337)-373-0032.

**POINT FARM UNIT:** Point Farm Unit is an approximately 1,000 acre area inside the Pointe-aux-Chenes WMA which is generally bounded on the west by the double gates behind the Montegut Middle School and the WMA boundary, and on the north by the WMA boundary and Point Farm ridge levee, and is bounded on the east and south by the Point Farm ridge levee. The boundary of Point Farm is more accurately marked with signs. Point Farm gate will be open all weekends during the month of February. Parking in designated areas required for mourning dove hunting. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. **EXCEPT** for mourning dove hunting (provided for below) all other hunting activities closed until after the last day of Youth Deer Hunts.

#### **Deer:**

**Experimental Lottery Youth Deer Hunt:** 1<sup>st</sup>

**Sat. of Oct. for 2 days and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct. for 2 days (afternoons only), either-sex.** Daily Youth Hunt Permit required. To apply or for more information call the New Iberia Office, Fur & Refuge Division, 337-373-0032.

**Archery: Day after last Youth Lottery Deer Hunt to Oct. 15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Dec. 31, either-sex.**

**Mourning Dove:** Hunting will be permitted each day during the September split and each day of the second and third splits (**AFTER** the last youth deer hunt day). Opening weekend hours will be from 12:00 noon until official sunset. Other weekend and all weekday hours will be from ½ hour before sunrise until noon. Gates will be opened on Saturdays only. Parking will be allowed in designated areas only.

**Small Game:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** until day after last Youth Deer Hunt Day. Beagles prohibited October and November.

**Waterfowl: CLOSED.**

**Recreational Fishing:** Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

**Vessels/Vehicle:** All boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 h.p. are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut, and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue unless authorized by the Department. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the Department.

**35. POMME DE TERRE** (Department Owned - 6,434 Acres, Opelousas Office):

**Area Closed:** To all **EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters** during Youth Deer Hunt.

**Deer:**

**Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.**

**Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.**

**Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Self-Clearing Permit.**

**Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day, Sat. after Christmas Day EXCEPT when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun. then the Mon. after Christmas Day to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Jan.**

**Muzzleloader: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days, either-sex.**

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunt for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime): 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.**

**Commercial Fishing:** Permitted Monday through Friday **EXCEPT** closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing Permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou Headquarters.

**Sport Fishing:** Same as outside **EXCEPT** allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **October through February.**

**Crawfish: April 1-July 31.** Recreational only. 100 lbs. per boat or group daily.

**36. RED RIVER** (Department Owned - 29,964 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers - 11,717 Acres, Ferriday Office):

**Deer:**

**Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.**

**Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Daily Permit.**

**Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and the Sat. after Christmas Day for 9 days.**

**Muzzleloader: Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days, either-sex.**

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during the either-sex firearms season, and **EXCEPT** no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields. Hunting restricted on Yakey Wetland Development Area to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during waterfowl season. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime): 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Sept. for 16 days**

and day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb. Hogs may be taken with dogs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Feb. to last day of Feb. only by permit available from Baton Rouge Office.

Recreational crawfishing allowed on Yakey Farms wetland restoration projects Feb. 1 to the last day of Feb., 100 lbs., per person per day, maximum of 5 wire traps per person. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

**37. RUSSELL SAGE** (Department Owned - 16,835 Acres, Monroe Office):

**AREA CLOSED:** Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days south of I-20 only to all EXCEPT Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters. North of I-20 open to all other allowable activities.

**Youth Squirrel Hunt:** 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Youth and Handicapped:** Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, south of I-20 only.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.

**Muzzleloader:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, either-sex.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms deer seasons.

Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

**Crawfish:** 100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited EXCEPT as otherwise provided.

**Note:** All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

**38. SABINE** (Owner - International Paper Company, Forest Capital Partners, et al - 13,706 Acres, Pineville Office):

**Area Closed:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all but Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunters. Physically Challenged Deer Hunt limited to those chosen by lottery. Contact Pineville Office at 318-487-5885 for more details. Application deadline is September 7 of each year.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check, Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-clearing Permit.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Last Sat. of Oct. to day before Thanksgiving Day.

**Muzzleloader:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 9 days, either-sex.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

**39. SABINE ISLAND** (Owner - State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board - 8,695 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

**Self-Clearing Permits** required for hunters only.

**Area Closed:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. of Sept. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. of Sept. for 2 days. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed day after Area 8 deer season ends to last day of Feb.

**Deer:** Same as Area 8 Deer Season EXCEPT still hunt only.

**Archery:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Sept. to Jan. 15, either-sex.

**Youth Deer Hunt:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. of Sept. for 2 days, either-sex.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Day after Area 8 deer season ends to last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Sept. to last day of Feb.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

**40. SALVADOR/TIMKEN** (Department Owned - 32,617 Acres, New Iberia Office):

**Self-Clearing Permit** required for deer and unmarked hog hunting only. Permits available at Pier 90, Bayou Gauche and Bayou Segnette landings and at Flemming Canal Store in Lafitte. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited.

**Area Closed:** During the month of October to all activities EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters and

Youth Waterfowl Hunters, if the later is provided for.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Nov. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Last 4 Sats. of Oct. for 2 days each **EXCEPT** when the last Sat. is the 31<sup>st</sup> in which case the season will be the 1<sup>st</sup> four Sat. of Oct. for 2 days each, either sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days.

**Muzzleloader:** Mon. after 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 7 days, either-sex.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 21 days.

**Small Game:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** October through December. Hunting with or without beagles **January and February**. Steel shot required for gallinules.

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT** hunting after 12 noon prohibited.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

**Recreational Fishing:**

Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes "Baie Des Chactas" and "Baie Du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with four cylinders or less is permitted in interior ditches from 1st Sat. in Sept. to Jan. 31 and may be further permitted for the regulated harvest of furbearers. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited.

ATVs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

**41. SANDY HOLLOW** (Department Owned - 3,515 Acres, Baton Rouge Office):

No hunting with any firearm south of Jackson Road, except school board tract, on days of scheduled field trials. Dates of field trials are listed on the check stations or can be obtained from the Region 7 office (225-765-2360).

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, 1st Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Mon. after 1st Sat. of Dec. for 5 days.

**Muzzleloader:** Sat. after Christmas Day **EXCEPT** when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun., then the Mon. after Christmas Day for 14 days with a Sat. opening or 12 days with a Mon. opening, either-sex.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms seasons. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**Mourning Dove:** 1<sup>st</sup> day and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. and following Sun. only of first split. Closed remainder of 1<sup>st</sup> split. Second and third splits are same as outside **EXCEPT** Youth Hunt on Northern tract during the opening day of the first segment Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

**Bird Dog Training:** Mon. after opening day of Mourning Dove Season to the Sun. before opening of Quail Season and Feb. 1 to last day of Feb., **EXCEPT** restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and **EXCEPT** blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

**Bird Dog Field Trials:** Permit required from Baton Rouge Region 7 Office.

**Horseback Riding:** Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer **EXCEPT** as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas.

**42. SHERBURNE** (Department Owned - 11,780 Acres; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - 15,220 Acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 14,000 Acres, Opelousas Office);

The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA. No hunting will be allowed **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting within the levee system of the farm from the day after the Youth Deer Hunt until the day after the last waterfowl hunt on the South Farm. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed by lottery only. Hunting will be allowed in the wooded portions east of the waterfowl impoundments. Consult the WMA maps for exact locations.

**Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days EXCEPT to Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters.**

**Youth Squirrel Hunt: 4th Sat. of Sept. for 2 days.**

**Deer:**

**Archery: Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.**

**Youth and Handicapped: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED.** Self-Clearing Permit, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Youth Lottery: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of Dec. and following Fri. and Mon., and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. and following Fri, EXCEPT no hunt on Christmas Day, either-sex.** Contact Opelousas Office 337-948-0255 for details and applications.

**Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and Fri. before 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 3 days, Mandatory Deer Check.**

**Firearms Bucks Only: Sat. after Christmas Day EXCEPT when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun., then the Mon. after Christmas Day to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Jan.**

**Muzzleloader: Mon. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, either-sex.**

**Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons for deer.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons for deer (excluding the South Farm Complex) and EXCEPT hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and EXCEPT no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge and EXCEPT steel shot only on waterfowl impoundments.** That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. South Farm waterfowl hunting limited to one hunt per calendar week per person. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex from the day after Youth Deer Hunt until the day after the last waterfowl hunt on the

**South Farm.** Contact the Region Office for details and description of "South Farm."

**Youth Waterfowl Lottery: Contact Opelousas Region Office for details and applications.**

**Woodcock and Mourning Dove: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms seasons for deer.**

**Quail: CLOSED**

**Raccoon (Nighttime): 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.**

**Crawfishing: April 1-July 31, Recreational crawfishing only on the South Farm Complexes.** Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized water craft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office, telephone 225-765-2931. No trespassing in restricted areas behind ranges.

**Note:** Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

**43. SICILY ISLAND HILLS** (Department Owned - 7,504 Acres, Ferriday Office):

**Area Closed: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.**

**Deer:**

**Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.**

**Youth: Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.**

**Firearms Either-sex: Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check.**

**Firearms Bucks Only: Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 14 days.**

**Muzzleloader: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 7 days, either-sex.**

**Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer.** Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Mon. closest to Jan. 15 to last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime): Mon. closest to Jan. 15 to last day of Feb.**

**Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.**



**44. SODA LAKE** (Caddo Levee District - 1,300 Acres, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers-1,200 Acres, Minden Office):

**Note:** Due to the addition of new acreage the management plan for Soda Lake WMA is being developed. Contact the Minden Region I Office 318-371-3050 for possible changes in the regulations and maps.

No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. Vehicle parking allowed only in designated parking area on La. Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou and La. Hwy. 169 adjacent to levee. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

**Deer:**

**Archery Only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.**

**Small Game:** Same as outside, falconry only.

**45. SPRING BAYOU** (Department Owned - 12,506 Acres, Opelousas Office):

**Area Closed:** Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either sex.

**Youth:** Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Self-Clearing Permit.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and Sat. after Christmas Day EXCEPT when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun. then the Mon. after Christmas Day to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Jan.

**Muzzleloader:** Mon. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, either-sex.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of Sept. for 16 days and day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**Commercial Fishing:** Permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. CLOSED until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

**Sport Fishing:** Same as outside EXCEPT allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

**Crawfish:** April 1-July 31. Recreational only, 100 lbs. per person or group daily.

No hunting allowed in Headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water

skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

**46. TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD** (Owner - Tangipahoa Parish School Board-1,643 Acres, Baton Rouge Office)

**Self-Clearing Permits required for all activities.**

**South Tangipahoa Tract adjacent to Joyce WMA will have the same seasons and regulations as the Joyce WMA.**

The remaining tracts will have the following seasons and regulations:

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**All Other Game:** Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrels day after muzzleloader season ends to the last day of Feb.

No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed.

**47. THISTLETHWAITE** (Owner - Thistlethwaite Heirs -11,100 Acres, Opelousas Office):

**Area Closed:** Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, EXCEPT to Youth Deer Hunters.

**Deer:** Mandatory Deer Check for all deer seasons EXCEPT archery. A legal buck shall be defined as deer with at least 4 points on one side or a deer with unbranched antlers commonly referred to as spikes (no minimum length). To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point.

**Archery:** Oct. 1-15 bucks only, Oct. 16-Feb. 15 either-sex.

**Youth Deer Hunt:** Last. Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, no antler restrictions.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days and 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Sat. after Christmas Day EXCEPT when Christmas Day falls on a Sat. or Sun. then Mon. after Christmas Day to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Jan.

**Muzzleloader:** Mon. after 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Jan. for 7 days, either-sex.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED during either-sex firearms hunts for deer.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through

Main Gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

**48. THREE RIVERS** (Department Owned - 28,124 Acres; Office of State Lands-835 Acres, U.S. Corps of Engineers - 1,085 Acres, Ferriday Office):

**Area Closed:** Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all **EXCEPT Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters.**

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Youth and Handicapped:** Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 2 days, Daily Permit.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Sun. after Thanksgiving Day and Sat. after Christmas Day for 9 days.

**Muzzleloader:** Day after firearms bucks only season ends for 7 days, either-sex.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms seasons. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Day after muzzleloader season ends to last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

**49. TUNICA HILLS** (Department Owned - 5,783 Acres, Baton Rouge Office):

**Area Closed:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Nov. for 2 days to all **EXCEPT Youth Deer Hunters.**

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Youth Lottery:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Nov. for 2 days, either-sex.

**Muzzleloader:** Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 10 days, either-sex.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during Youth Lottery Deer Hunt and Muzzleloader Deer Hunt. All handguns and .22 caliber rifles prohibited north of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract). Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Feb. 1 to last day of Feb. on South Tract only.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area.

North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) **CLOSED** to the general public **March 1-September 30 EXCEPT** spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

**50. UNION** (Owner - Plum Creek Timber Co. - 11,193 Acres, Monroe Office):

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Last Sat. of Oct. for 9 days and the following 2 Sats. and Suns., Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, and 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 2 days, Daily Permit.

**Small Game and Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms seasons for deer. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of Jan. to last day of Feb.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1 to last day of Feb.

All nighttime activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

**51. WEST BAY** (Owners - Forest Capital Partners, Roy O. Martin, Weyerhaeuser and Forest Investment - 60,000 Acres, Lake Charles Office):

**Area Closed:** Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days to all **EXCEPT Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters.**

**Deer:**

**Archery:** Oct. 1-Jan. 31, either-sex.

**Special Youth & Handicapped:** Next to last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, either-sex, for handicapped and youth hunters only.

**Firearms Either-sex:** Last Sat. of Oct. for 2 days, Mandatory Deer Check. Fri. after Thanksgiving Day for 3 days, Self-Clearing.

**Firearms Bucks Only:** Day after firearms either-sex season in Oct. to Thanksgiving Day, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of Dec. for 16 days.

**Muzzleloader:** Mon. after Thanksgiving Day for 7 days, either-sex.

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** during either-sex firearms hunts. Beagles allowed for rabbits and dogs allowed for squirrel hunting day after firearms bucks only season closes to last day of Feb.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Day after firearms bucks only season closes to last day of Feb.

**52. WISNER** (Owner - Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee - 16,837 Acres, New Iberia Office):

**Self-Clearing Permit not required.**

**Small Game & Waterfowl:** Same as outside **EXCEPT** rabbit season closed during open waterfowl season. Beagles allowed during closed

waterfowl season.  
**Deer:** No deer hunting allowed.

ALL SEASONS FOR KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST AND U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEER PROPERTIES ARE FOR 2005-06 ONLY.

## **KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST**

### **Catahoula and Winn Ranger Districts.**

#### **Deer:**

Oct. 22-23, either-sex, muzzleloader.  
Oct. 29-30, either-sex, still hunt only.  
Oct. 31-Nov. 6, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Nov. 19-24, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Nov. 25, either-sex, still hunt only.  
Nov. 26-27, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Dec. 10, either-sex, with or without dogs.  
Dec. 11, bucks only, with or without dogs.  
Dec. 17-19, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Dec. 26-Jan. 3, bucks only, with or without dogs.  
Jan. 7-8, bucks only, with or without dogs.  
Jan. 14-15, bucks only, with or without dogs.

### **Kisatchie Ranger District, Natchitoches Parish and Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District, Rapides Parish**

#### **Deer:**

Oct. 22-23, either-sex, muzzleloader.  
Oct. 29-30, either-sex, still hunt only.  
Oct. 31-Nov. 5, 12-13, 19-24, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Nov. 25, either-sex, still hunt only.  
Nov. 26-27, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Dec. 10-11, bucks only, with or without dogs.  
Dec. 17-18, bucks only, with or without dogs.  
Dec. 26-Jan. 2, bucks only, with or without dogs.  
Jan. 14-15, bucks only, with or without dogs.

Deer hunting with dogs on the Evangeline Unit shall occur only in the portion of the Unit located south of State Highway 121 from near McNutt southwesterly to Spring Creek, east of Spring Creek southeasterly to U.S. Highway 165, EXCEPT dogs may be used in Palustris Experimental Forest.

National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District, described in still hunt only area shall be still hunt only.

### **Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District, Vernon Parish, Excluding Fort Polk WMA**

#### **Deer:**

Oct. 22-23, either-sex, muzzleloader.  
Oct. 29-30, either-sex, still hunt only.  
Oct. 31-Nov. 5, 12-13, 19-24, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Nov. 25, either-sex, still hunt only.  
Nov. 26-27, either-sex, still hunt only.

Dec. 3-4, bucks only, still hunt only.  
Dec. 26-30, bucks only, still hunt only.

**Caney Ranger District, Webster and Claiborne Parishes.**

**Deer:** Same as outside (Area 2) EXCEPT still hunt only.

**\*See Area 2 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne Parishes.**

**OTHER SEASONS ON KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST**

**Archery:** Same dates as shown for statewide archery deer hunting schedule.

**All Other Small Game:** Same as outside.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement for any species including hogs is prohibited on National Forest Lands. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on all National Forest lands.

Moving deer or hogs with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noise or noise-making devices is prohibited.

Raccoons and opossums may be taken during daylight or nighttime from **Oct. 1-Feb. 28 only**. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, EXCEPT during the trapping season when there shall be no limit.

All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. Quail hunters, woodcock hunters and archers (while on the ground) also must wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap during dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel. ALSO, all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

**One antlered or one antlerless (when legal) deer per day. Season limit is six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.**

**NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE**

(Owner - U.S. Forest Service - 36,000 Acres in Grant and Winn Parishes):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits for deer hunting:

**Deer:**

**Oct. 8-9**, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, Daily Permit. Youths between the ages of 8-15 inclusive only. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt.

**Oct. 22-23**, either-sex, muzzleloader, daily permit.

**Oct. 29-30**, either-sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

**Nov. 25**, either-sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

**Nov. 26-27**, bucks only, still hunt only, daily permit.

**Rabbit:** Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit **Jan. 7-Feb. 28** only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

**Squirrel:** Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 7-Feb. 28**. Hunting parties may not include more than one dog.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Dogs allowed **Jan. 7-Feb. 28**.

**All Other Game:** Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

**NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE**

(Owner - U.S. Forest Service - 38,000 Acres in Natchitoches Parish):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required for deer hunting.

**Deer:**

**Oct. 8-9**, either-sex, special youth hunt, daily permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, daily permit. Youths between the ages of 8-15 inclusive only. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter

safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt.

**Oct. 22-23**, either-sex, muzzleloader, daily permit.

**Oct. 29-30**, either-sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

**Nov. 25**, either-sex, still hunt only, daily permit.

**Nov. 26-27**, bucks only, still hunt only, daily permit.

**Rabbit:** Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit **Jan. 7-Feb. 28**, only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

**Squirrel:** Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 7-Feb. 28**. Hunting parties may not include more than one dog.

**Raccoon (Nighttime):** Dogs allowed **Jan. 7-Feb. 28**.

**All Other Game:** Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360, telephone (318) 473-7160. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## **CORPS OF ENGINEERS INDIAN BAYOU AREA**

(28,480 Acres within St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes):

**Annual Permits required. For more information, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System Project Office, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577 at (337) 585-0853.**

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

**Deer:**

**Daily Limit - 1 Deer; Yearly limit - 4 deer (2 does, 2 bucks, 6 points or better) EXCEPT spikes less than 3 inches are legal on either-sex days ONLY.**

**Archery: Oct. 1-15** bucks only, **Oct. 16-Feb. 15** either-sex.

**Either-sex Gun Hunt: Nov. 25-27**, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt: Dec. 3-4**, either-sex, no antler restrictions, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Either-sex Muzzleloader Hunt: Dec. 10-16.**

**Either-sex Gun Hunt: Dec. 17-18**, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks Only Gun Hunt: Dec. 26-Jan. 8**, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt: Jan. 14-15**, either-sex, no antler restrictions, Mandatory Deer Check.

**Bucks Only Muzzleloader Hunt: Jan. 23-30.**

**Small Game, Migratory Game Birds & Waterfowl:**

Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED **Nov. 25-27, Dec. 3-4, Dec. 17-18 and Jan. 14-15.**

Hunting waterfowl after 2:00 p.m. prohibited.

Squirrel and rabbit hunting with dogs allowed

**Jan. 16-22 and Jan. 31-Feb. 28.**

**Quail: CLOSED.**

**Raccoon (Nighttime): Sept. 10-25, Jan. 31-Feb. 28.**

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 28.**

## **CORPS OF ENGINEERS OLD RIVER CONTROL & LOCK AREA**

(2,699 Acres within Pointe Coupee, West Feliciana and Concordia Parishes):

**Additional permit not required; however, posted restrictions apply.** For more information, see bulletin boards on-site, visit the project website at [www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/](http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/) (then click on Old River Control), or contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Old River Control Natural Resources Specialist at 225-492-2690 for more information.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

**Deer:** Archery, Muzzleloader and Shotgun only.

**Archery: Oct. 1-15**, bucks only, **Oct. 16-Jan. 31**, either-sex.

**Muzzleloader: Jan. 9-15**, either-sex.

**Shotgun: Nov. 25-26**, either-sex, **Nov. 27, Dec. 31-Jan. 8**, bucks only.

**Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and**

**Waterfowl:** Same as outside, EXCEPT hunting waterfowl after 2:00 p.m. prohibited.

**Raccoon, Squirrel and Rabbit:** Same as outside EXCEPT hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 16-Feb. 28.**

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 28.**

No firearms allowed larger than .22 caliber rimfire.

## **CORPS OF ENGINEERS BONNET CARRE SPILLWAY**

(7,623 Acres within St. Charles Parish):

**Additional permit not required; however, posted restrictions apply.** For more information, see bulletin boards on-site, visit the project website at [www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/](http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/recreation/) (then click on Bonnet Carre Spillway), or contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bonnet Carre Spillway Project Office at 985-764-0126 for more information.

All hunting shall be still hunting only **EXCEPT** as otherwise specified.

**Deer:** Archery and Shotgun (buckshot) only.

**Archery:** Oct. 16-Feb. 15, either-sex.

**Shotgun:** Nov. 19-27, either-sex, Dec. 26-Jan. 8, bucks only.

**Small Game, Migratory Game Birds and Waterfowl:**

Same as outside. Shotgun only. Hunting waterfowl after 2:00 p.m. prohibited. During shotgun deer season, use of dogs allowed for waterfowl hunting only.

**Squirrel and Rabbit:** Same as outside, EXCEPT hunting with dogs not allowed during shotgun season for deer Nov. 19-27 and Dec. 26-Jan. 8.

**Unmarked Hogs:** May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

**Proposed format for Louisiana Hunt Coordination Meeting  
Upper Ouachita NWR  
2005-2006 HUNT SCHEDULES**

**I. Significant Changes:**

None

**II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

None

**III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):**

- |             |                                                                  |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Species: | Waterfowl                                                        |
| Type Hunt:  | General Gun                                                      |
| Season:     | State season until noon only                                     |
| Bag Limit:  | State limits apply                                               |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                   |
|             |                                                                  |
| B. Species: | Limited Youth Waterfowl                                          |
| Type Hunt:  | General Gun                                                      |
| Season:     | First Saturday of State Youth Waterfowl Hunt,<br>until noon only |
| Bag Limit:  | State limits apply                                               |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                   |
|             |                                                                  |
| C. Species: | Mourning Dove                                                    |
| Type Hunt:  | General Gun                                                      |
| Season:     | First 3 days of State season                                     |
| Bag Limit:  | State limits and shooting hours apply                            |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                   |
|             |                                                                  |
| D. Species  | Quail, Woodcock                                                  |
| Type Hunt   | General Gun                                                      |
| Season      | State season.                                                    |
| Bag Limit   | State limits apply                                               |
| Permit      | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                   |
|             |                                                                  |
| E. Species  | Squirrel, Rabbit                                                 |
| Type Hunt   | General Gun                                                      |
| Season      | State season                                                     |
| Bag limit   | State limits apply                                               |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                   |

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|----|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| F. | Species   | Raccoon, Opossum                                                                                          |
|    | Type Hunt | General Gun                                                                                               |
|    | Season    | Dec 1, 05-Jan 31, 05 for night hunting (may be taken during daylight hours of squirrel and rabbit season) |
|    | Bag limit | State limits apply                                                                                        |
|    | Permit:   | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                            |
|    |           |                                                                                                           |
| G. | Species   | Feral hogs, coyotes, beaver                                                                               |
|    | Type Hunt | General Gun                                                                                               |
|    | Season    | All refuge hunts with weapon legal for particular season                                                  |
|    | Bag limit | No bag limit                                                                                              |
|    | Permit:   | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                            |
|    |           |                                                                                                           |
| H. | Species   | Deer                                                                                                      |
|    | Type Hunt | Archery                                                                                                   |
|    | Season    | State season                                                                                              |
|    | Bag limit | 1 deer per day, either sex                                                                                |
|    | Permit:   | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                            |
|    |           |                                                                                                           |
| I. | Species   | Deer                                                                                                      |
|    | Type Hunt | General gun                                                                                               |
|    | Season    | Nov 5, 6, 25, 26, 27, Dec 3, 4                                                                            |
|    | Bag limit | 1 deer per day, either sex                                                                                |
|    | Permit:   | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                            |



**Louisiana Hunt Coordination Meeting  
Red River National Wildlife Refuge  
2005-2006 HUNT SCHEDULES**

**I. Significant Changes:**

None to Report

**II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

None to Report

**III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):**

Species:	Deer
Type hunt:	Archery, either sex
Season:	State Season
Bag Limit:	One deer per day
Permit:	Season Permit on Hunt Brochure

Species:	Waterfowl
Type hunt:	Open
Season:	State Season, Hunting until noon in designated areas only
Bag Limit:	State limits apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Hunt Brochure

Species:	Quail, Woodcock
Type Hunt:	Open
Season:	State Season
Bag Limit:	State limits apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Hunt Brochure

Species:	Squirrel, Rabbit
Type Hunt:	Open (No Dogs)
Season:	State Season
Bag Limit:	State limits apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Hunt Brochure

Species:	Raccoon, Opossum
Type Hunt:	Open (No Dogs, Daytime Hunting Only)
Season:	State Season
Bag Limit:	State limits apply
Permit:	Season Permit on Hunt Brochure

Species:	Feral hogs, coyotes, and beaver
Type Hunt:	Open
Season:	All refuge hunts
Bag Limit:	None
Permit:	Season Permit on Hunt Brochure

**Proposed format for Louisiana Hunt Coordination Meeting  
D'Arbonne NWR  
2005-2006 HUNT SCHEDULES**

**I. Significant Changes:**

None

**II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

None

**III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):**

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|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Species: | Waterfowl                                                                                                                          |
| Type Hunt:  | General Gun                                                                                                                        |
| Season:     | State season until noon only excluding Youth Hunt Season                                                                           |
| Bag Limit:  | State limits apply                                                                                                                 |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                                     |
|             |                                                                                                                                    |
| B. Species  | Quail, Woodcock                                                                                                                    |
| Type Hunt   | General Gun                                                                                                                        |
| Season      | State season                                                                                                                       |
| Bag Limit   | State limits apply                                                                                                                 |
| Permit      | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                                     |
|             |                                                                                                                                    |
| C. Species  | Squirrel, Rabbit                                                                                                                   |
| Type Hunt   | General Gun                                                                                                                        |
| Season      | State season                                                                                                                       |
| Bag limit   | State limits apply                                                                                                                 |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                                     |
|             |                                                                                                                                    |
| D. Species  | Raccoon, Opossum                                                                                                                   |
| Type Hunt   | General Gun                                                                                                                        |
| Season      | Dec 1, 05-Jan 31, <sup>06</sup> <del>05</del> for night hunting (may be taken during daylight hours of squirrel and rabbit season) |
| Bag limit   | State limits apply                                                                                                                 |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                                     |
|             |                                                                                                                                    |
| E. Species  | Feral hogs, coyotes, beaver                                                                                                        |
| Type Hunt   | General Gun                                                                                                                        |
| Season      | All refuge hunts with weapon legal for particular season                                                                           |
| Bag limit   | No bag limit                                                                                                                       |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                                     |

F. Species	Deer
Type Hunt	Archery
Season	State season
Bag limit	<del>1 deer per day, either sex</del> <i>State limit</i>
Permit:	Season Permit on Hunt Brochure
G. Species	Deer
Type Hunt	General gun
Season	Nov 5, 6, 25, 26, 27, Dec 3, 4
Bag limit	<del>1 deer per day, either sex</del> <i>State limit</i>
Permit:	Season Permit on Hunt Brochure
H. Species	Deer
Type Hunt	Handicapped Hunt
Season	Nov 12 and 13
Bag limit	<del>1 deer per day, either sex</del> <i>State limit</i>
Permit:	Season Permit on Hunt Brochure

**Proposed format for Louisiana Hunt Coordination Meeting  
Black Bayou Lake NWR  
2005-2006 HUNT SCHEDULES**

**I. Significant Changes:**

None

**II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

None

**III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):**

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|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Species: | Duck, Coot (no geese)                                                                                               |
| Type Hunt:  | General Gun                                                                                                         |
| Season:     | State season until noon only (closed for Youth Hunt and Special Teal Seasons)                                       |
| Bag Limit:  | State limits apply                                                                                                  |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                      |
|             |                                                                                                                     |
| B. Species  | Quail, Woodcock                                                                                                     |
| Type Hunt   | General Gun                                                                                                         |
| Season      | State season.                                                                                                       |
| Bag Limit   | State limits apply                                                                                                  |
| Permit      | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                      |
|             |                                                                                                                     |
| C. Species  | Squirrel, Rabbit                                                                                                    |
| Type Hunt   | General Gun                                                                                                         |
| Season      | State season                                                                                                        |
| Bag limit   | State limits apply                                                                                                  |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                      |
|             |                                                                                                                     |
| D. Species  | Raccoon, Opossum                                                                                                    |
| Type Hunt   | General Gun                                                                                                         |
| Season      | Dec 1, 05-Jan 1, <del>06</del> for night hunting (may be taken during daylight hours of squirrel and rabbit season) |
| Bag limit   | State limits apply                                                                                                  |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                      |
|             |                                                                                                                     |
| E. Species  | Coyotes, beaver                                                                                                     |
| Type Hunt   | General Gun                                                                                                         |
| Season      | All refuge hunts with weapon legal for particular season                                                            |
| Bag limit   | No bag limit                                                                                                        |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                      |

F. Species  
Type Hunt  
Season  
Bag limit  
Permit:

Deer  
Archery only  
Oct 1-Dec 31, 2005  
~~1 deer per day, either sex~~ *State Limit*  
Season Permit on Hunt Brochure

**Louisiana Hunt Coordination Meeting  
TENSAS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
2005-2006 HUNT SCHEDULES**

**I. Significant Changes:**

There are no changes to the framework of the timing of refuge hunts. The refuge does however plan to open areas previously closed to bow hunting and muzzleloader hunting. A biological review is scheduled for this year and will likely lead to significant changes to future hunt schedules.

**II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

Both the total number of deer and the health of the herd continue to decline on the Tensas River NWR. This is likely due to a combination of factors. First, the forested habitat is maturing resulting in a closed canopy which blocks light penetration to the forest floor, reducing browse and cover for deer. Second, corn and soybean fields both on and off the refuge have been reforested or converted to other crops (cotton and rice), which temporarily reduces the overall food availability. Biological data from hunter check stations indicate that the deer herd is at or above carrying capacity. In areas recently reforested, overbrowsing has resulted in suppression of young trees. Opening these fields to hunting should release young trees from overbrowsing, restore balance to the deer herd, and provide increased opportunities to hunters. Long-term solutions to problems with the deer herd will be discussed at the upcoming biological review.

**III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):**

- |             |                                                                                              |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Species: | Small Game – Squirrel and Rabbit Without Dogs                                                |
| Type hunt:  | Gun                                                                                          |
| Season:     | October 1, 2005 – December 1, 2005                                                           |
| Bag Limit:  | State Limits Apply                                                                           |
| Permit:     | Access Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                               |
| Note:       | Closed During Modern Firearm and Muzzleloader Hunts for Deer                                 |
|             |                                                                                              |
| B. Species: | Small Game – Squirrel and Rabbit With or Without Dogs                                        |
| Type hunt:  | Gun                                                                                          |
| Season:     | December 5, 2005 – February 5, 2006                                                          |
| Bag Limit:  | State Limits Apply                                                                           |
| Permit:     | Access Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                               |
| Note:       | Closed During Modern Firearm, Muzzleloader Hunts, and State-wide Firearm Youth Hunt for Deer |
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- C. Species: Deer  
Type Hunt: Archery (either sex)  
Season: November 5, 2005 – January 31, 2006  
Bag Limit: ~~One Deer Per Day~~ *State Limits*  
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
Note: Closed During Modern Firearm, Muzzleloader Hunts, and State-wide Firearm Youth Hunt for Deer
- D. Species: Deer  
Type Hunt: Youth Modern Firearm Hunt; either sex (Refuge Wide)  
Season: November 19-20, 2005.  
Bag Limit: ~~One Deer Per Day~~ *State Limits*  
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunters Education
- E. Species: Deer  
Type Hunt: Youth Lottery Modern Firearm Hunt; either sex (Greenlea Ag Unit)  
Season: December 27-28, 2005  
Bag Limit: ~~One Deer Per Day~~ *State Limits*  
Permit: Proof of Hunters Education
- F. Species: Deer  
Type Hunt: 1<sup>st</sup> Lottery Modern Firearm Hunt  
Season: November 25-26, 2005.  
Bag Limit: ~~One Deer Per Day~~ *State Limits*  
Permit: Lottery Permit and Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
- G. Species: Deer  
Type Hunt: 2<sup>nd</sup> Lottery Modern Firearm Hunt  
Season: December 10-11, 2005  
Bag Limit: ~~One Deer Per Day~~ *State Limits*  
Permit: Lottery Permit and Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
- H. Species: Deer  
Type Hunt: Muzzleloader; either sex  
Season: December 2-4, 2005  
Bag Limit: ~~One Deer Per Day~~ *State Limits*  
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure



- I. Species: Waterfowl  
Season: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday until noon during the regular Louisiana state waterfowl season  
Bag Limit: State limits apply  
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
- J. Species Waterfowl  
Type Hunt Lottery Youth Hunt (Greenlea Ag Unit)  
Season January 7, 2005  
Bag Limit State limits apply  
Permit Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
- K. Species Waterfowl  
Type Hunt Youth Hunt (Refuge Wide)  
Season State-wide Youth Waterfowl Day  
Bag Limit State limits apply  
Permit Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education
- L. Species: Raccoon  
Type Hunt: Modern Firearm  
Season: January 1, 2006 – February 5, 2006  
Bag Limit: State limits apply  
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
- M. Species Woodcock  
Type Hunt Gun  
Season State Season  
Bag Limit State limits apply  
Permit Access Permit on Hunt Brochure  
Note: Closed During Modern Firearm and Muzzleloader Hunts for Deer
- N. Species: Turkey  
Type Hunt: Gun  
Season: 16 day season - TBA  
Bag Limit: 1 Gobbler per day, 2 Gobblers per season  
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
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**CATAHOULA  
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
2005-2006 HUNT SCHEDULES**

**I. Significant Changes:**

Species: Doves, w/without dogs (hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Gun (non-toxic shot)  
Season: State season (except closed during deer gun and muzzleloader hunts)  
Bag Limit: State regulations  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Significant Change: **Propose to discontinue dove hunt on the Bushley Bayou Unit beginning the 2006 & 2007 hunt season due to lack of habitat.**

**II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

No negative public comment during the 2004-2005 hunt season.

Only conflict was that the two day muzzleloader hunt (Dec.18-19) stopped waterfowl hunt on Bushley Bayou Unit during the first two days of the 2<sup>nd</sup> split.

**III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):**

**Headquarters Unit**

Species: Small Game (squirrel, rabbit without dogs (raccoon, hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rim fire rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)  
Season: October 1 - 31  
Bag Limit: State Regulations  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Significant Change: None

Species: Deer (squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Archery  
Season: State season, except French Fork Unit closed during refuge deer-gun hunt.  
Bag Limit: ~~State regulations~~ - One deer per day (either-sex)  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Significant Change: None

Species: Deer (hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Gun  
Season: November 25 - 26 Area south of French Fork of Little River.  
Bag Limit: ~~State Regulations~~ - One deer per day (either-sex)  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Significant Change: None

**Bushley Bayou Unit**

Species: Small Game (squirrel, rabbit without dogs (raccoon, hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rim fire rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)  
Season: October 1 - December 16 (except closed during refuge deer gun and muzzleloader hunts)  
Bag Limit: State Regulations  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Significant Change: None

Species: Small Game (squirrel, rabbit w/without dogs (raccoon, hog incidental))  
Type Hunt: Firearm (.22 rim fire rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)  
Season: December 19 - end of State Season.  
Bag Limit: ~~State Regulations~~ *One per day*  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Significant Change: None

Species: Deer (squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Archery  
Season: State season (except closed during deer gun and muzzleloader hunts)  
Bag Limit: ~~State regulations~~ - One deer per day (either-sex)  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Significant Change: None

Species: Deer (hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Muzzleloader  
Season: November 14 - 18 and December 17 - 18  
Bag Limit: ~~State regulations~~ - One deer per day (either-sex)  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Significant Change: None

Species: Deer (hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Gun  
Season: November 25 - 27 & December 3 - 4  
Bag Limit: ~~State regulations~~ - One deer per day (either-sex)  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Significant Change: None

Species: Waterfowl, Youth w/without dogs (hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Gun (non-toxic shot)  
Season: State Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days, East Zone, until noon of each day.  
Bag Limit: State regulations  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Significant Change: None

Species: Waterfowl w/without dogs (hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Gun (non-toxic shot)  
Season: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon. State season (except closed during deer gun and muzzleloader hunt)  
Bag Limit: State regulations  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Significant Change: None

Species: Doves, Rails, Gallinules, Snipe, Woodcock w/without dogs (hog incidental)  
Type Hunt: Gun (non-toxic shot)  
Season: State season (except closed during deer gun and muzzleloader hunts)  
Bag Limit: State regulations  
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.  
Significant Change: None

**Louisiana Hunt Coordination Meeting  
Bayou Cocodrie NWR  
Proposed 2005-2006 Hunt Schedule**

**I. Significant Changes:**

- A. Species: Deer ( Either Sex)  
Type Hunt: Archery  
Season: Nov. 5, 2005 – Jan. 31, 2006  
Closed during Lottery Deer Hunt and closed on Cross Bayou Unit and that portion of the Brooks Brake Unit that lies north and west of the Brooks Brake ATV Trail (Pinto Brake area) during the youth lottery hunts and the handicapped hunt.  
Bag Limit: 1 deer per day  
Significant Change: Archery season will be open on portions of the refuge during the youth lottery hunts this year.
- B. Species: Deer (Either Sex)  
Type Hunt: Special Access Lottery Hunt  
Season: Nov. 21 – 22, 2005  
Bag Limit: 1 deer per day  
Significant Change: This is a new hunt.
- C. Species: Deer (Either Sex)  
Type Hunt: Primitive Weapon (Muzzel loader)  
Season: Jan. 9 – 15, 2006  
Bag Limit: 1 deer per day  
Significant Change: Muzzleloader season expanded from 2 to 7 days to run concurrent with nearby WMA's.
- D. Species: Waterfowl  
Type Hunt: Modern Firearms (Youth Lottery)  
Season: Last Saturday of State waterfowl season.  
Bag Limit: State Regulations  
Significant Change: This is a new hunt.
- E. Species: Raccoon and Opossum  
Type Hunt: Modern Firearm  
Season: Feb. 1 – 28, 2006  
Bag Limit: State regulations  
Significant Change: This is a new hunt.

## **II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

- A. We received a few minor grumbles about the archery season being closed during the Youth Lottery Hunts – generally from the same people who complained about the kids killing all of the “good” deer that they could have gotten with their bows.
- B. We did not experience any significant conflicts between hunting and other programs, nor did we experience any significant conflicts among the various hunting seasons with the possible exception as noted in A above.
- C. We may stimulate a minor bowhunter uprising with the significant change in the Muzzleloader season being proposed this year. Archery season is not closed during the 7 day Primitive Weapon season, but hunters choosing to use archery equipment must to comply with hunter orange requirements.

## **III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):**

- A. Species: Rabbit and Squirrel  
Type Hunt: Modern Firearms  
Season: Oct. 1, 2005 - Jan. 8, 2006(without dogs)  
Jan. 16 - Feb. 5, 2006(with/without dogs)  
Closed during Lottery Deer Hunt and closed on Cross Bayou Unit and that portion of the Brooks Brake Unit that lies north and west of the Brooks Brake ATV Trail (Pinto Brake area) during the youth lottery hunts and the handicapped hunt.  
Bag Limit: State limits apply  
Significant Change: Parts of the refuge open during youth lottery hunts.
- B. Species: Deer (Either Sex)  
Type Hunt: Modern Firearms (Open Youth Hunt)  
Season: Oct. 29 – 30, 2005  
Bag Limit: 1 deer per day  
Significant Change: None
- C. Species: Deer (Either Sex)  
Type Hunt: Modern Firearms (Lottery Deer Hunt)  
Season: Dec. 17 – 18, 2005  
Bag Limit: 1 deer per day  
Significant Change: None
- D. Species: Deer (Either Sex)  
Type Hunt: Modern Firearms (Youth Lottery Hunt)  
Season: Dec. 28 – 29, 2005  
Bag Limit: 1 deer per day  
Significant Change: None

- E. Species: Deer (Either Sex)  
Type Hunt: Modern Firearms (Youth Lottery Hunt)  
Season: Jan. 7 – 8, 2006  
Bag Limit: 1 deer per day  
Significant Change: None
- F. Species: Waterfowl  
Type Hunt: Modern Firearms  
Season: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays until noon during state season. Closed during Lottery Deer Hunt and closed on Cross Bayou Unit and that portion of the Brooks Brake Unit that lies north and west of the Brooks Brake ATV Trail (Pinto Brake area) during the youth lottery hunts and the special access hunt.  
Bag Limit: State Regulations  
Significant Change: Parts of the refuge open during youth lottery hunts.
- G. Species: Woodcock  
Type Hunt: Modern Firearms  
Season: State Season Except closed during Lottery Deer Hunt and closed on Cross Bayou Unit and that portion of the Brooks Brake Unit that lies north and west of the Brooks Brake ATV Trail (Pinto Brake area) during the youth lottery hunts and the handicapped hunt.  
Bag Limit: State Regulations  
Significant Change: None

# Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge

## Proposed Hunt Seasons for 2005-2006

### I. Significant Changes:

### II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:

### III. Continued hunt programs with no changes:

Cat Island NWR is comprised of 9,500 acres, 8,600 acres of which is in the hunt zone.

#### Deer-Gun

Acres Open: 8,600 acres  
Dates/Days Open: One, 2-day lottery hunt November 19-20, 2005; 300 permits will be drawn  
Bag Limits: One per hunt; either sex

**Significant Changes: none**

#### Small Game (Squirrel & Rabbit)

Acres Open: 8,600 acres  
Dates/Days Open: State season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts; dogs allowed after close of the State gun deer season  
Bag Limit: State Limit  
**Significant Changes: none**

#### Deer-Archery

Acres Open: 8,600 acres  
Dates/Days Open: State Season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts.  
Bag Limit: ~~State Limit~~; either sex everyday / *everyday*  
**Significant Changes: none**

#### Deer-Muzzleloader

Acres Open: 8,600 acres  
Dates/Days Open: one 2-day lottery hunt November 5-6, ; 300 permits will be drawn  
Bag Limit: One per hunt; either sex  
**Significant Changes: none**

#### Waterfowl

Acres Open: 8,600 acres  
Dates/Days Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during State season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts  
Bag Limit: State Limit

**Significant Changes: none**

**Woodcock**

Acres Open: 8,600 acres

Dates/Days Open: State season; closed during refuge gun and  
muzzleloader deer hunts

Bag Limits: State Limit

**Significant Changes: none**



# **Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge Proposed Hunt Season for 2005-2006**

## **I. Significant Changes:**

### **Waterfowl – Space Blind Lottery Hunt**

Acres Open: 413 acres  
Date/Days Open: Wednesday & Saturday during the State waterfowl season, dependent on available water. Up to 10 blinds with day of the hunt lottery.

Bag Limit:

**Significant Changes:** Expand waterfowl hunt area by 413 acres.

### **Waterfowl – Youth Lottery**

Acres Open: 250 acres  
Date/Days Open: Lottery hunt, 5-10 days, dates will be finalized after State waterfowl season is set. Five blinds.

Bag Limit: State Limit

**Significant Changes:** Additional two blinds & additional hunt dates.

### **Early Teal**

Acres Open: 2,200 acres  
Dates/Days Open: State Season

**Significant Changes:** Open everyday the entire season.

## **II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

## **III. Continued hunt programs with no changes:**

### **Small Game (Rabbit)**

Acres Open: 2,200 acres  
Dates/Days Open: December 1- End of State season; dogs allowed after close of State gun deer season.

Bag Limit: State Limit

**Significant Changes:** none

### **Deer-Archery ONLY**

Acres Open: 4,000 acres (October 15-November 30) and 2,200 acres (Dec. 1, 2005 -Feb. 12, 2006)

Dates/Days Open: State Season

Bag Limit: ~~State Limit~~ 1 per day

**Significant Changes:** none.

**Waterfowl – (Ducks, Geese, & Coots)**

Acres Open: 2,200 acres  
Date/Days Open: Wednesday and Saturday until noon during State  
waterfowl season  
Bag Limit: State Limit  
**Significant Changes: none**

**Waterfowl – Youth Weekend**

Acres Open: 2,200 acres  
Dates/Days Open: During State Youth waterfowl weekend  
Bag Limit: State limit  
**Significant Changes: none**

**Woodcock**

Acres Open: 2,200 acres  
Date/Days Open: State Season  
Bag Limit: State Limit  
**Significant Changes: none**

**Morning Dove**

Acres Open: 2,200 acres  
Date/Days Open: Open during Wednesday &  
Saturday during state dove & waterfowl season.  
Bag Limit: State Limit  
**Significant Changes: none.**

# **Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge Proposed Hunt Season for 2005-2006**

## **I. Significant Changes:**

### **Deer-Youth Gun Hunt-Lottery (20 permits; 10 per hunt)**

Acres Open: 4,635 acres of waterfowl sanctuary (closed area)  
Date/Days Open: Dec. 21, 2005 & Jan. 7, 2006.  
Bag Limit: One deer either sex, modern gun.  
**Significant Changes: Added additional hunt.**

### **Spring Turkey**

Acres Open: 12,255 acres  
Dates/Days Open: First 14 days of State Season  
Bag Limit & Method: One gobbler per hunter/season, shotguns with shot size smaller than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and hunters must complete a self-clearing permit before and after each hunt.  
**Significant Changes: Open Hunt (no lottery hunt)**

### **Dove**

Acres Open: 10,390 acres  
Dates/Days Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday when State dove & waterfowl seasons are open; closed during muzzleloader deer hunts; non-toxic shot.  
Bag Limit: State Limit  
**Significant Changes: Dove season open.**

## **II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

## **III. Continued hunt programs with no changes:**

### **Small Game (Squirrel & Rabbit)**

Acres Open: 12,255 acres (10-1 to 11/30) and 10,390 acres (12/1 to end of state gun season).  
Date/Days Open: State season; closed during refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts; dogs allowed after close of State deer gun season until end of state seasons.  
Bag Limit: State Limit  
**Significant Changes: none**

### **Deer-Archery**

Acres Open: 12,995 acres (11/12 to 12/9) and 10,390 acres (12/9 to 1/1 and 1/23 to 2/12).

Dates/Days Open: Nov. 12, 2005 to Jan. 1, 2006 and Jan. 23, 2006 to Feb. 12, 2006, except closed during muzzleloader deer hunts.

Bag Limit: ~~State Limit, either sex~~ *1 deer per day*

Significant Changes: none

**Deer-Muzzleloader-Lottery Hunts (900 total permits issued)**

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Days Open: Dec. 10-11, 2005, Jan 7-8, 2006 and Jan. 21-22, 2006.

Bag Limit: One deer either sex per hunt

Significant Changes: none

**Waterfowl**

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Days Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during State waterfowl season; closed during refuge muzzleloader deer hunts

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

**Youth Waterfowl Hunt**

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Days Open: State Season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

**Early Teal**

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Days Open: State Season

Significant Changes: none

**Woodcock**

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Days Open: State season; closed during refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts.

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

**Louisiana Hunt Coordination Meeting  
BIG BRANCH MARSH NWR  
2005-2006 HUNT SCHEDULES**

**I. Significant Changes:**

**II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

**III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):**

- |             |                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Species: | Deer                                                                                                                                        |
| Type hunt:  | Archery, either sex                                                                                                                         |
| Season:     | State season                                                                                                                                |
| Bag Limit:  | State limits apply ✓                                                                                                                        |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                                              |
|             |                                                                                                                                             |
| B. Species: | Waterfowl                                                                                                                                   |
| Type hunt:  | Teal, general state waterfowl.                                                                                                              |
| Season:     | Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until noon during the state seasons. Closed during special "light goose" conservation season. |
| Bag Limit:  | State limits apply                                                                                                                          |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                                              |
|             |                                                                                                                                             |
| C. Species  | Coots                                                                                                                                       |
| Type hunt:  | General gun                                                                                                                                 |
| Season:     | Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until noon during the state general waterfowl season.                                         |
| Bag Limit:  | State limits apply                                                                                                                          |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                                              |
|             |                                                                                                                                             |
| D. Species  | Snipe, Woodcock, and Quail                                                                                                                  |
| Type hunt:  | General gun                                                                                                                                 |
| Season:     | State seasons.                                                                                                                              |
| Bag Limit:  | State limits apply                                                                                                                          |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                                              |
|             |                                                                                                                                             |
| E. Species  | Gallinules and Rails                                                                                                                        |
| Type hunt:  | General gun                                                                                                                                 |
| Season:     | State seasons                                                                                                                               |
| Bag Limit:  | State limits apply                                                                                                                          |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                                              |

- F. Species: Squirrel and Rabbit  
Type hunt: General gun  
Season: State seasons. Dogs may be used only after close of state gun deer season.  
Bag Limit: State limits apply  
Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure
- G. Species: Hog  
Type hunt: Archery  
Season: May be taken as incidental game, with bow and arrow, during refuge deer archery hunts.  
Bag Limit: State limits apply  
Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure

**Louisiana Hunt Coordination Meeting  
DELTA NWR  
2005-2006 HUNT SCHEDULES**

**I. Significant Changes:**

- |                     |                                                                                                     |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Species:         | Snipe                                                                                               |
| Type Hunt:          | General Gun                                                                                         |
| Season:             | Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until noon during the state general waterfowl season. |
| Bag Limit:          | State limits apply                                                                                  |
| Permit:             | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                      |
| Significant Change: | New addition.                                                                                       |

**II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

**III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):**

- |             |                                                                                                     |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Species: | Deer                                                                                                |
| Type hunt:  | Archery, either sex                                                                                 |
| Season:     | October 1 – 31 and from the day after the state waterfowl season ends until January 31.             |
| Bag Limit:  | State limits apply ✓                                                                                |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                      |
|             |                                                                                                     |
| B. Species: | Waterfowl                                                                                           |
| Type hunt:  | Teal, general state waterfowl, and special "light goose" conservation season.                       |
| Season:     | Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until noon during the state seasons.                  |
| Bag Limit:  | State limits apply                                                                                  |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                      |
|             |                                                                                                     |
| C. Species  | Coots, Rails, and Gallinules                                                                        |
| Type hunt:  | General gun                                                                                         |
| Season:     | Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until noon during the state general waterfowl season. |
| Bag Limit:  | State limits apply                                                                                  |
| Permit:     | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                      |
|             |                                                                                                     |
| D. Species: | Rabbit                                                                                              |
| Type hunt:  | General gun                                                                                         |

Season: From the day after the state waterfowl season ends until the close of state rabbit season.

Bag Limit: State limits apply

Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure

E. Species: Hog

Type hunt: Archery

Season: May be taken as incidental game, with bow and arrow, during refuge deer archery hunts.

Bag Limit: State limits apply

Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure



**Louisiana Hunt Coordination Meeting  
BOGUE CHITTO NWR  
Louisiana  
2005-2006 HUNT SCHEDULES**

**I. Significant Changes:**

- A. Species: Deer  
Type Hunt: Archery  
Season: State season  
Bag Limit: State limits apply ✓  
Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure  
Significant Change: Increase number of hunt days from 40 days to state season.
- B. Species Squirrel and Rabbit  
Type Hunt General Gun  
Season State seasons. Dogs may be used from Nov. 1 until the start of refuge gun deer hunts and from the day after the last refuge gun deer hunt to the end of the state season.  
Bag Limit State limits apply  
Permit Season Permit on Hunt Brochure  
Significant Change: Increase of hunt days available for the use of dogs by approx. 18 for squirrel and approx. 25-30 for rabbit.
- C. Species Raccoon  
Type Hunt General Gun  
Season January 1 to February 28. Dogs are allowed.  
Bag Limit State limits apply  
Permit Season Permit on Hunt Brochure  
Significant Change: Increase of 9 hunt days.

**II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

- A. Expanding the use of dogs during squirrel and rabbit seasons may raise issues with archery deer hunters, however, expansion of archery to state season should offset.

### III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):

- A. Species: Deer  
Type hunt: General gun. (Still hunt only, no dogs)  
Season: November 19-25, 2005 (bucks only)  
November 26-27, 2005 (either sex)  
December 10-18, 2005 (bucks only)  
Bag Limit: State limits apply ✓  
Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure
- B. Species: Deer  
Type hunt: Primitive weapon. (Still hunt only, no dogs)  
Season: December 3-9, 2005 (either sex)  
Bag Limit: State limits apply ✓  
Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure
- C. Species: Waterfowl (including coots)  
Type hunt: Teal, general state waterfowl.  
Season: State season, hunting permitted until noon only. Closed during special "light goose" conservation season.  
Bag Limit: State limits apply  
Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure
- D. Species: Woodcock  
Type hunt: General gun  
Season: State seasons.  
Bag Limit: State limits apply  
Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure
- E. Species: Turkey  
Type hunt: General gun  
Season: State season  
Bag Limit: State limits apply  
Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure
- F. Species: Hog  
Type hunt: Archery, primitive weapon, general gun.  
Season: May be taken as incidental game during the refuge archery, primitive weapon, and general gun deer hunts with weapons legal for those hunts. Also, from January 9 – February 28, 2006 may be taken only with the aid of trained hog hunting dogs from sunrise to sunset.  
Bag Limit: State limits apply  
Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure

## Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge 2005/2006 Proposed Hunt Schedule

<b>Species:</b>	<b>Deer and Feral Hog</b>
<b>Type Hunt:</b>	Archery
<b>Season:</b>	State Season
<b>Bag Limit:</b>	<del>State Limit</del> <i>One per day</i>
<b>Permits:</b>	Daily Check Card
<b>Significant Changes:</b>	None

<b>Species:</b>	<b>Waterfowl</b>
<b>Type Hunt:</b>	General Gun
<b>Season:</b>	Wednesdays and Saturdays of State Season
<b>Bag Limit:</b>	State Limit
<b>Permits:</b>	Refuge Lottery Permit
<b>Significant Changes:</b>	None

## Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge 2004/2005 Harvest Summary

### Archery Deer and Feral Hog

	No. Harvested	Male:Female	Average estimated weight (lbs)	Hunter effort (Hunter days/ animal)
<b>Deer</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1:0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>220</b>
<b>Feral Hog</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1:3</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>55</b>

### Youth and Adult Lottery Waterfowl

	No. of Ducks	Hunter Days	Hunter Success (ducks/hunter day)
<b>Youth Hunts</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1.36</b>
<b>Adult Hunts</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1.62</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1.57</b>

**BAYOU TECHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
2005-2006 HUNT SCHEDULES**

**I. Significant Changes:**

N/A

**II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

N/A

**III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):**

- |             |                                                            |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Species: | Deer                                                       |
| Type hunt:  | Archery, either sex                                        |
| Season:     | October 1 – Nov 18, 2005                                   |
| Bag Limit:  | 1 deer/day                                                 |
| Permit:     | Lottery permit                                             |
| B. Species: | Deer                                                       |
| Type hunt:  | Youth– General Gun, either sex                             |
| Season:     | November 5-6, 2005 (1 <sup>st</sup> weekend of November)   |
| Bag Limit:  | 1 deer/day                                                 |
| Permit:     | Lottery permit                                             |
| C. Species: | Deer                                                       |
| Type hunt:  | General Gun, either sex                                    |
| Season:     | November 19-20, 2005 (3 <sup>rd</sup> weekend of November) |
| Bag Limit:  | 1 deer/day                                                 |
| Permit:     | Lottery permit                                             |
| D. Species: | Deer                                                       |
| Type hunt:  | General Gun, either sex                                    |
| Season:     | November 25-27, 2005 (Thanksgiving weekend)                |
| Bag Limit:  | 1 deer/day                                                 |
| Permit:     | Lottery permit                                             |
| E. Species: | Squirrel/Rabbit                                            |
| Type hunt:  | General Gun                                                |
| Season:     | October 1 – Nov 18, 2005                                   |
| Bag Limit:  | State limit                                                |
| Permit:     | Lottery permit                                             |

**BAYOU TECHE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
2005-2006 HUNT SCHEDULES**

**I. Significant Changes:**

N/A

**II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

N/A

**III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):**

- |             |                                                            |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. Species: | Deer                                                       |
| Type hunt:  | Archery, either sex                                        |
| Season:     | October 1 – Nov 18, 2005                                   |
| Bag Limit:  | 1 deer/day                                                 |
| Permit:     | Lottery permit                                             |
| B. Species: | Deer                                                       |
| Type hunt:  | Youth– General Gun, either sex                             |
| Season:     | November 5-6, 2005 (1 <sup>st</sup> weekend of November)   |
| Bag Limit:  | 1 deer/day                                                 |
| Permit:     | Lottery permit                                             |
| C. Species: | Deer                                                       |
| Type hunt:  | General Gun, either sex                                    |
| Season:     | November 19-20, 2005 (3 <sup>rd</sup> weekend of November) |
| Bag Limit:  | 1 deer/day                                                 |
| Permit:     | Lottery permit                                             |
| D. Species: | Deer                                                       |
| Type hunt:  | General Gun, either sex                                    |
| Season:     | November 25-27, 2005 (Thanksgiving weekend)                |
| Bag Limit:  | 1 deer/day                                                 |
| Permit:     | Lottery permit                                             |
| E. Species: | Squirrel/Rabbit                                            |
| Type hunt:  | General Gun                                                |
| Season:     | October 1 – Nov 18, 2005                                   |
| Bag Limit:  | State limit                                                |
| Permit:     | Lottery permit                                             |

**CAMERON PRAIRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
2005-2006 HUNT SCHEDULES**

**I. Significant Changes:**

- |    |                     |                                                                                                                                                        |
|----|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. | Species:            | Dove                                                                                                                                                   |
|    | Type Hunt:          | General Gun                                                                                                                                            |
|    | Season:             | Entire first split of state season                                                                                                                     |
|    | Bag Limit:          | State limits apply                                                                                                                                     |
|    | Permit:             | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                                                         |
|    | Significant Change: | Increase number of hunt days from 4 days per week to 7 days per week. State hunting hours apply, formerly noon to sunset on hunt days.                 |
|    |                     |                                                                                                                                                        |
| B. | Species             | Snipe                                                                                                                                                  |
|    | Type Hunt           | General Gun                                                                                                                                            |
|    | Season              | Remaining state season dates following closure of Louisiana waterfowl (duck) season.                                                                   |
|    | Bag Limit           | State limits apply                                                                                                                                     |
|    | Permit              | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                                                         |
|    | Significant Change: | Increase number of hunt days from 4 days per week to 7 days per week. State hunting hours apply, formerly noon to sunset on hunt days.                 |
|    |                     |                                                                                                                                                        |
| C. | Species:            | Waterfowl (Lottery Hunts)                                                                                                                              |
|    | Type Hunt:          | General Gun                                                                                                                                            |
|    | Waterfowl Season:   | Mornings until noon on designated Wednesdays and Saturdays during State duck seasons for western zone.                                                 |
|    | Bag Limit:          | State limits apply                                                                                                                                     |
|    | Permit:             | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                                                                                         |
|    | Significant Change: | Change definition of youth to 17 and under for Refuge Specific Hunts. The State Youth Waterfowl Hunt will remain 15 and under in order to participate. |

**II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

- A. None to report

### **III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):**

- A. Species: Deer  
Type hunt: Archery, either sex  
Season: October 1 – 31, 2005 ✓  
Bag Limit: State limits apply ✓  
Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure
- B. Species: Waterfowl  
Type hunt: Limited Youth (1 adult, 1-2 youth)  
Season: Saturdays, and 1-2 week days during school holidays  
during Louisiana west zone duck season.  
Bag Limit: State limits apply  
Permit: Lottery drawn permits

## **Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge 2005-2006 HUNT SCHEDULES**

### **I. Significant Changes:**

- A. Species: Waterfowl and Gallinules (Lottery Hunts)  
Type Hunt: General Gun  
Waterfowl Season: Mornings until noon on designated Wednesdays and Saturdays during State duck seasons for western zone.  
Gallinule Season: Mornings until noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays during State duck seasons for western zone until the end of the state gallinule season.  
Bag Limit: State limits apply  
Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure  
Significant Change: Expansion of youth/senior hunts (Unit B) from second split to entire season.  
Change definition of youth to 17 and under. The State Youth Waterfowl Hunt will remain 15 and under in order to participate.  
For the 2004/2005 season added a second lottery hunt area (Duck Pond).

### **II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

- A. Some complaints by hunters about change in management for Duck Pond (lottery vs open Wednesday through Sunday)  
B. Some praise for reducing hunters in Duck Pond.

### **III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):**

- A. Species: Deer  
Type hunt: Archery, either sex  
Season: October 1 – 31, 2005  
Bag Limit: One deer per day (either sex)  
Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure
- B. Species: Waterfowl and Gallinules  
Type hunt: General Gun  
Waterfowl Season: Mornings until noon during State duck seasons for western zone.  
Gallinule Season: Mornings until noon during State duck seasons for western zone until the end of the state gallinule season.  
Bag Limit: State limits apply  
Permit: Season Permit on Hunt Brochure



**SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
2005-2006 PROPOSED HUNT SCHEDULES**

**I. Significant Changes:**

None

**II. Problems, Issues, Concerns from Previous changes:**

Not applicable

**III. Continued hunt programs with no changes (other than dates):**

- |    |            |                                                                                      |
|----|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A. | Species:   | Teal (September Teal Season)                                                         |
|    | Type hunt: | General                                                                              |
|    | Season:    | Mornings only Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during<br>State season for western zone |
|    | Bag Limit: | State limits apply                                                                   |
|    | Permit:    | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                       |
|    |            |                                                                                      |
| B. | Species:   | Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots and Geese)                                                   |
|    | Type hunt: | General                                                                              |
|    | Season:    | Mornings only Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during<br>State season for western zone |
|    | Bag Limit: | State limits apply                                                                   |
|    | Permit:    | Season Permit on Hunt Brochure                                                       |

## REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

**The Department requests the Commission approve a special either-sex deer season for the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation in East Feliciana Parish:**

**November 12-13-14, 2005**

### Purpose of the Scout Hunt

There are 2 primary reasons for the Scout Deer Hunt on the Avondale Boy Scout Reservation:

1. To provide some quality outdoor recreational opportunities for the Scouts, and to promote a close father/son activity.
2. To provide a biological control of the deer herd. Without some type of hunting the deer herd will continue to expand beyond the ability of the range to support it. Overpopulation will result in deterioration of the range and decline in herd health.

### Background

Most of East Feliciana Parish has a late deer rut occurring from mid-December to early January. When the Scout hunt was first initiated in 1983 it was conducted late in the year. The resulting kill was very low despite high deer populations. A number of years later Department Biologist, Dave Moreland discovered and was able to document, the deer herd in the Avondale area had a very early rut similar to that encountered in western Louisiana. It was determined there was a small area near Clinton, Louisiana, including Camp Avondale, which exhibits the odd, early rut.

For a number of years the Department designated an earlier opening season zone for this small area which enabled hunters to take advantage of the early rut. A number of years later a group of local landowners circulated a petition requesting this deer hunting season area be moved back into the later zone and be similar to that of the rest of the parish. No significant objection was heard from most other landowners in the small zone, and after being warned most of the rut would be over before the modern firearm season even started, the Department went ahead and moved the small block back into the later Area 1 zone. Special Commission approval has been obtained to hold an early hunt on the Scout Reservation ever since.

### Need for the Special Season

The purpose of the Avondale Scout Reservation is to provide a place for as much Scouting activity as possible to be conducted. The Scout Office is concerned when a gun hunt is held on the Reservation, as all other Scouting activities must be shut down during the hunt for obvious safety and liability reasons.

Understandably, the Scout Office is reluctant to shut the Reservation down any longer than absolutely necessary to adequately control the deer population. Therefore, it is necessary to shoot the deer herd as hard as possible in the shortest period of time. Deer activity and movement is at

its highest during the rut. This is why we want to schedule the Reservation hunt during the rut when the deer are most active and vulnerable to harvest.

As previously stated, the deer rut on the Avondale Scout Reservation has been documented to occur in the first two weeks of November. This is well before the Area 1 season opens.

A special Commission approved early season allowing the Boy Scout Office to control the deer herd on Avondale Scout Reservation is requested.

**Not to be included in the hunting regulations pamphlet**

**Barksdale Air Force Base (BAFB) - Bossier Parish-**

All seasons are to be set within the outside season dates except deer which will open with Area 2 and close with Area 6 (experimental) and except all deer seasons are either sex.

**Camp Minden / Louisiana Army National Guard - Bossier and Webster Parishes**

All seasons are to be set within the outside seasons dates except all deer seasons are either-sex.

RESOLUTION  
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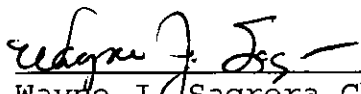
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Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds,

wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire rifle, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or



carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally by licensed hunters from September 1 through the last day of February, during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with a daily limit of five. When taken with a shotgun, steel shot must be used. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than F steel, and during gun deer seasons, anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap or hat. Recreational nutria hunters must remove each nutria carcass in whole condition from the hunting area, except that nutria may be gutted. Possession of detached nutria parts, including nutria tails, by recreational hunters is illegal. Nutria harvested recreationally may not be pelted nor may such nutria or any nutria parts from recreationally taken nutria be sold, including the tail. Trespassing upon private property for the purpose of taking nutria or other furbearing animals is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265). The Coastwide Nutria Control Program is a separate program and is in no way related to the nutria recreational season. For questions on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, call the New Iberia office

(337) 373-0032.

4. Blackbirds and crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 1 with no limit; however crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators and that crows have been implicated in the spread of the West Nile virus in humans.

5. Pheasant. CLOSED.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter in order to harvest an antlerless deer. The tag shall be attached through the hock in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported (including those taken on either-sex days and those

taken with bow or muzzleloader). Antlerless deer harvested on property enrolled in DMAP does not count in the season bag limit for hunters. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

9. Landowner Assistance Deer Tag (LADT)

a. Eligibility for LADT is limited to the following landowners or lessees:

- i. License Deer Farmers;
- ii. Landowners or lessees with less than 500 acres who have verified deer depredation problems;
- iii. Landowners with 40 acres or more enrolled in the Louisiana Forest Stewardship Program; and
- iv. Landowners or lessees with 40 or more contiguous acres of forested or marsh land.

b. Each applicant will be assessed a \$25 administrative processing fee. Each hunter must have the Landowner Antlerless Deer Tag in his possession while hunting on the property for which the tag was issued and immediately upon kill of an antlerless deer, the hunter must tag the animal through the hock. The deer must be tagged before it is transported from the site of kill and the tag will remain with the deer while the hunter is in route to his domicile. Antlerless deer harvested on property enrolled in LADT does not count in the season bag limit for

hunters. For more information, contact any Wildlife Division Regional Office.

10. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on  
Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF

to permit hunting.

White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the regulations pamphlet.

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

11. Bobcat. The hunting of bobcats will be legal only during the open deer season in all deer hunting areas. The legal shooting hours and the legal methods for the taking of bobcats shall be the same as defined for the taking of deer. License requirements shall also be the same for deer. The season limit shall be one.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. All persons born on or after September 1, 1969 must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to purchase a Basic Hunting License, EXCEPT any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any

POST-certified law enforcement officer. Application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries main office building in the city of Baton Rouge. A person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by, and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older, EXCEPT during a statewide youth deer hunt.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer. A separate wild turkey license is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of Taking Resident Game Birds and Quadrupeds

a. It is illegal to intentionally feed, deposit, place, distribute, expose, scatter, or cause to be fed, deposited, placed, distributed, exposed, or scattered raw sweet potatoes to wild game quadrupeds.

b. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all

game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

c. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance Animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the Department, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. For specific details contact a regional office



near you. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found destroying commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the Department. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local regional office for details.

7. Threatened and Endangered Species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated Quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, unmarked hogs where legal, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or Discharging Firearms on Public Roads.

Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow, muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex Identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the State of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey

hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

## 12. Promotional Hunting Days

a. The following dates are established as promotional hunting days: the 1<sup>st</sup> three days after Thanksgiving Day.

b. Persons availing themselves of promotional hunting days shall be entitled to hunt resident game birds and game quadrupeds (excluding bears), as well as coyotes, bobcats and feral hogs on designated days without the payment of fees and without obtaining any license other than the below referenced letter of permit. Persons wishing to avail themselves of promotional hunting days shall be subject to the following requirements and restrictions:

i. All applicants must be at least sixteen (16) years of age, and not currently under a suspension or revocation of hunting privileges.

ii. All applicants must submit, on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Department, such personal information as may be required by the Department including, but not limited to, name, address, date of birth, drivers' license number, and social security number.

iii. No person shall be entitled to apply for

or receive more than one (1) letter of permit for promotional hunting days in his or her lifetime.

iv. Any eligible person who applies for the promotional hunting days shall receive a letter of permit from the Secretary.

v. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit must be accompanied by a validly licensed hunter.

vi. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit shall meet all other legal requirements for obtaining a hunting license, including but not limited to, successful completion of a hunter education course.

vii. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit must have in his possession while hunting, a valid hunter education card or certificate.

viii. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit may hunt during all legal hunting hours on the dates recited in the permit, but only during legal hunting hours.

ix. Any person hunting under a letter of permit shall be subject to all of the limitations, restrictions, conditions, laws, and rules and regulations applicable to the holder of a hunting license.

x. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit may hunt any species of resident game

birds or game quadrupeds (excluding bears), as well as coyotes, bobcats and feral hogs for which the season is open at the time of the above stated weekends, but only those species for which the season is open at the time of the above stated weekends.

xi. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit may use any gear or method of take which is legal on the above designated weekends.

xii. Any person hunting under the promotional hunting days letter of permit may hunt only resident game birds and game quadrupeds (excluding bears), as well as coyotes, bobcats and feral hogs. All other species are excluded including, but not limited to, migratory game birds.

#### E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal) deer per day EXCEPT on some Federal Refuges (check Refuge regulations) and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take, EXCEPT antlerless harvest on property enrolled in DMAP and LADT does not count in the season bag limit for hunters.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically allowed and EXCEPT in Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area where a legal buck shall be defined as deer with at least 4 points on one side or

a deer with unbranched antlers commonly referred to as spikes (no minimum length). To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise allowed.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Except in wildlife management

areas, a leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, other than a muzzleloader, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap

and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and may be fitted with magnified scopes. This includes muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, and EXCEPT in Area 6 from October 1-15. Archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Lake Boeuf, and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow



during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22, caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

(e). to take deer while deer are swimming or while the hunter is in a boat with motor attached in operating position; however, the restrictions in this paragraph shall not apply to any person who has lost one or more limbs.

11. Hunter Orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a hunter orange cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer

on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

13. Special Youth Deer Hunt on Private Lands (Either-Sex). See regulations pamphlet for dates. Youths under the age of 16 only. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt.

#### F. Description of Areas

##### 1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open:  
Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Franklin, Madison, St.  
Helena, Tensas, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also  
open:

i. Catahoula - East of Boeuf River to  
Ouachita River, east of Ouachita River from its confluence with  
Boeuf River to La. Hwy. 8, south and east of La. Hwy. 8  
southwesterly to Parish line.

ii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La.  
8.

iii. LaSalle - South of a line beginning where  
Little River enters Catahoula Lake following the center of the lake  
eastward to Old River then to U.S. Highway 84, east of U.S. Highway  
84 northward to La. Highway 8, south of La. Highway 8 eastward to  
Parish line.

iv. Livingston - North of I-12.

v. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of  
Red River.

vi. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion  
south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to  
Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake  
Pontchartrain.

vii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

viii. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion

known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

ii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line. South of Mississippi state line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iii. Franklin - All.

iv. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west

of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

v. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vi. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany parish line to the Tangipahoa parish line, east of the Tangipahoa parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with La. 25.

vii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to

Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Union, Webster, Winn.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 from parish line westward to Kinder, east of U.S. 165 from Kinder northward to La. 10 at Oakdale, north of La. 10 from Oakdale westward to the parish line.

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Catahoula - West of Boeuf River to Ouachita River, west of Ouachita River from its confluence with Boeuf River to La. Highway 8, north and west of La. Highway 8 southwesterly to Parish line.

iv. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

v. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

vi. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

vii. LaSalle - North of a line beginning where Little River enters Catahoula Lake, following the center of the lake eastward to Old River then to U.S. Highway 84, west of U.S. Highway 84 northward to La. Highway 8, north of La. Highway 8 eastward to Parish line.

viii. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ix. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake.

x. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of

Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xi. Vernon - North of La. Highway 10 from the parish line westward to La. 113, south of La. 113 eastward to parish line. Also the portion north of La. 465 west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.



3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 from the parish line north to DeRidder and north of U.S. 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - South of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas State line. Also east of La. 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 at Bastrop to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Martin, Terrebonne, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - All except that portion west

of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to Terrebonne Parish line.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1 from Simmesport westward to La. 115 at Marksville, east of La. 115 from Marksville

northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to La. 1 at Simmesport.

ii. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

iii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iv. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

v. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

vi. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

vii. NEW HIGH WATER BENCHMARK CLOSURE. Deer hunting in those portions of Iberia, Iberville, St. Martin, and St. Mary parishes south of Interstate 10, west of the East Guide Levee, east of the West Guide Levee, and north of U.S. Highway 90 will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet at Butte LaRose.

7. Area 7

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia - South of La. 14 and west of U.S. Hwy. 90.

ii. St. Mary - South of U.S. 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, west of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, south of Intracoastal Waterway from Wax Lake Outlet eastward to Terrebonne Parish line.

8. Area 8

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Allen - That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line to U.S. 190, north of U.S. 190 eastward to Kinder, west of U.S. 165 northward to La. 10 at Oakdale and south of La. 10 from Oakdale westward to parish line.

ii. Beauregard - That portion east of La. 113. Also that portion west of La. 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;

iii. Calcasieu - That portion east of La. 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to the Texas state line.

iv. Vernon - That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line northward to Pitkin and south of La. 10 from Pitkin southward to the parish line.

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. On days when Daily permits are required, permit stations will open 2 hours before legal shooting hours. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, or as otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt according to the regular season dates applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should

contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

h. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.), wild plants and non-game wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) is prohibited without prior approval from the Baton Rouge Office. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day.

i. Burning of marshes is prohibited. Hunting actively burning marsh prohibited.

j. Nature trails. Trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

k. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

l. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

m. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

n. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

2. Permits

a. A WMA Hunting Permit is required for persons aged 18 through 59 to hunt on WMAs.

b. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA after first presenting a valid hunting license to a Department employee. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

c. Self-Clearing Permits. A Self-Clearing Permit is required for ALL ACTIVITIES (hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The Self-Clearing Permit will consist of three portions: CHECK IN, CHECK OUT and a Vehicle Tag. On WMAs where Self-Clearing Permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's



activity on the day of the activity (EXCEPT if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted, users need only to check in once during any 72 hour period). Users may check-in one day in advance of use. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and MUST be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a private camp adjacent to the WMA being hunted. EACH PERSON MUST leave the Vehicle Tag portion of his permit on the dashboard of the vehicle used to enter into the WMA in such a way that it can be easily read from outside of the vehicle. This MUST be done only when the vehicle is parked and left unattended on the WMA. If an ATV, boat or other type vehicle was used to enter the WMA, then the vehicle tag must be attached to that vehicle in such a manner that it can be readily seen and read. No permit is required of fishers and boaters who do not travel on a WMA road and/or launch on the WMA as long as they do not get out of the boat and onto the WMA. When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. Call the appropriate Region office for the location of the deer check station on these WMAs. (Self-Clearing Permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.)

d. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for any purpose must possess one of the

following: a valid Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement. Also a Self-Clearing WMA permit, detailed above, may be required (available at most entrances to each WMA). Check individual WMA listings for EXCEPTIONS.

### 3. Special Seasons

a. Youth Deer Hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of a hunter safety certification, a valid Louisiana hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate region office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts. NOTE: Some hunts may be by pre-application

lottery.

b. Youth Squirrel Hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. Squirrel, rabbit, raccoon and opossum may be taken. Hogs may not be taken. No dogs allowed. All other seasons will remain open to other hunters. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. Self-clearing permits are required. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth squirrel hunts.

c. Youth Mourning Dove Hunt. A youth mourning dove hunt will be conducted on specific WMAs and will follow the same regulations provided for youth deer hunts on the second weekend of the mourning dove season (Saturday and Sunday only). Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth mourning dove hunts.

d. Handicapped Season. An either-sex deer season will be held for hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit on WMAs during the dates specified under the individual WMA. Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons. Pointe-aux-Chenes will have an experimental Lottery Handicapped waterfowl hunt. Contact New Iberia Office, Fur and Refuge Division for details.

e. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact region offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery deer hunts.

f. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at self-clearing station. Contact Region Offices for more details. Consult separate turkey hunting regulations pamphlet for more details.

g. Waterfowl Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadline. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division Office for more details.

h. Mourning Dove Lottery Hunts. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division Office for more details.

i. Trapping. Permits to take furbearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at region offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office.

j. Raccoon Hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - All nighttime raccoon hunting where allowed is with dogs only. There is no bag limit. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the region office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at region offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

k. Sport Fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT as otherwise specified under individual WMA

listings.

1. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Vernon, Evangeline, St. Helena and other parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas and except as may be permitted for authorized trappers).

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs EXCEPT during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under

Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads, ATV trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas the daily limit shall be one antlered deer and one antlerless deer (when legal) per day. Six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included).

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill. Deer may not be skinned or have any external body

parts removed including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed. Permanent tree stands are any stands that use nails, screws, spikes, etc., to attach to trees are strictly prohibited. Portable deer stands (those that are designed to be routinely carried by one person) may not be left on WMAs unless the stands are removed from trees and left in a non-hunting position (a non-hunting position is one in which a hunter could not hunt from the stand in its present position). Also, all stands left must be legibly tagged with the user's name, address, phone number and Big Game Hunting License number (or Lifetime License Number). No stand may be left on any WMA prior to the day before deer season opens on that WMA and all stands must be removed from the WMA within one day after the close of deer hunting on that WMA. Free standing blinds must be disassembled when not in use. Stands left will not reserve hunting sites for the owner or user. All portable stands, blinds, tripods, etc. found unattended in a hunting position or untagged will be confiscated and disposed of by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. LDWF not be responsible for unattended stands left on



an area.

g. Hunting from utility poles, high tension power lines, oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space:

l. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

m. Horses and mules may be ridden on Wildlife Management Areas except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited EXCEPT for quail hunting or as otherwise specified.

n. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) also must wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel. ALSO all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

o. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

p. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in

progress.

q. Muzzleloader season for deer. Either-sex unless otherwise specified. See WMA deer schedule.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for the mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. Permits must be obtained from the New Iberia office.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by State and Federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the

following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

## 7. Restricted Areas

a. For your safety, ALL oil and gas production

facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting, hog hunting and bird dog training when allowed; see individual WMA season listings for WMAs that allow dogs. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer. Use of all other ATVs or ATV tires are prohibited on a WMA.

b. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire

combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

c. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

d. Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

e. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft "mud crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexander State Forest WMA.

f. No internal combustion engines allowed in certain Greentree reservoirs.

g. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

h. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is

prohibited.

i. Licensed motorized vehicles (LMVs) legal for highway use, including motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads as indicated on WMA maps. ATVs are restricted to marked ATV trails only, EXCEPT when WMA roads are closed to LMVs. ATVs may then use those roads until they are reopened for LMV traffic. WMA maps available at all region offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles. NOTE: All ATV trails are marked with signs and/or paint, but not all ATV trails appear on WMA maps.

j. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons is restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees are restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps or as marked by sign and/or paint. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons under the age of 60 must apply for and obtain a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit from the Department.

k. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Entrances to ATV trails that are open all year long will be marked with purple paint. The end of all ATV trails will be marked by red paint. WMA maps serve only

as a general guide to the route of most ATV trails, therefore all signage and paint marking as previously described will be used to determine compliance. Deviation from this will constitute a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

l. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition, construction or wet weather.

m. ATVs, and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM, EXCEPT raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only. ATVs are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 EXCEPT certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes and some ATV trails will be open all year long on certain WMAs.

n. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

o. Hunters over the age of 59 and those with a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit are allowed to retrieve their own downed deer and hogs with the aid of an ATV except on Thistlethwaite WMA under the following conditions:

i. No firearms or archery equipment is in possession of the retrieval party or on the ATV;

ii. The retrieval party may consist of no more than one ATV and one helper;



iii. ATVs may not be used to locate or search for wounded game or for any other purpose than retrieval of deer and hogs once they have been legally harvested and located.

10. Commercial Activities.

a. Hunting Guides/Outfitters: No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any Wildlife Management Area, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

b. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval from Baton Rouge office or unless otherwise specified.

c. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs EXCEPT commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in

revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

11. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

12. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet. Unless otherwise specified under a specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited.

13. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet. Hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited on all WMAs EXCEPT for Atchafalaya Delta, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador/Timken and Wisner WMAs. Consult specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific WMA regulations. Unmarked hogs may be taken during any legal hunting season on designated WMAs by properly licensed hunters using only guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Hunters may harvest hogs during the month of March on Pass-a-Loutre WMA only by using shotguns with shot no larger than BB lead or F

steel, or .22 caliber rimfire firearms. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs, EXCEPT unmarked hogs may be taken with the aid of dogs on Pearl River and Red River WMAs (consult Pearl River and Red River WMAs regulations) by permit from either the Baton Rouge or Ferriday Offices and all hogs must be killed immediately and may not be transported live under any conditions and hunters may use centerfire pistols in addition to using guns allowed for season in progress.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, incidental take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA. However, crows, blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds may not be taken before September 1 or after January 2.

17. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations:

- a. Acadiana Conservation Corridor.
- b. Alexander State Forest. From December through February all hunters must check daily with the Office of Forestry for scheduled burning activity. No hunting or other activity will be permitted in burn units the day of the burning. Call 318-487-5172 or 318-487-5058 for information on burning schedules. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

c. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited EXCEPT as permitted for authorized WMA trappers.

d. Attakapas.

e. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

f. Bayou Pierre

g. Bens Creek

h. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

i. Big Lake.

j. Biloxi.

k. Bodcau.

l. Boeuf.

m. Buckhorn.

n. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year. All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

o. Clear Creek (formerly Boise-Vernon).

p. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

q. Elbow Slough. Steel shot only for all hunting.

r. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

s. Floy Ward McElroy.

t. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year. New special regulations apply to ATV users.

u. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Region Office. No hunting in restricted area.

v. Jackson-Bienville. Beginning September 1, 2004, ATVs are allowed ONLY on non-public maintained gravel roads and marked ATV trails.

w. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

x. Lake Boeuf. Hunting allowed until 12:00 noon on all game EXCEPT during Youth Lottery Hunt. All nighttime activities prohibited.

y. Lake Ramsey. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

z. Little River.

aa. Loggy Bayou.

bb. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

cc. Maurepas Swamp.

dd. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping and ATV use during duck season including early teal season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ee. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

ff. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

with a fee.

gg. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

hh. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for mourning dove hunting and youth lottery deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. All boats powered by engines having horsepower ratings

above 25 h.p. are not allowed in the Grand Bayou, Montegut and Pointe-aux-Chenes water management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue unless authorized by the Department. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the Department.

ii. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per boat or group daily.

jj. Red River. Recreational crawfishing allowed on Yakey Farms wetland restoration projects February 1 to the last day of February, 100 pounds per person per day, maximum of five wire traps per person. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed.

kk. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.



ll. Sabine.

mm. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

nn. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and "Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch.

Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with four cylinders or less is permitted in interior ditches from first Saturday in September through January and may be further permitted. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

oo. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas.

pp. Sherburne. Crawfishing: Recreational crawfishing only on the South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter

Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges.  
Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

qq. Sicily Island Hills.

rr. Soda Lake. No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer and falconry.

ss. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: recreational only. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

tt. Tangipahoa Parish School Board. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed.

uu. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

vv. Three Rivers.

ww. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area. North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

xx. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

yy. West Bay.

zz. Wisner.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000), LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28:1603 (July 2002), LR 29:1124 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1522 (August 2003), LR 30:1495 (July 2004), LR 31: (July 2005).

Wayne J. Sagrera

Chairman

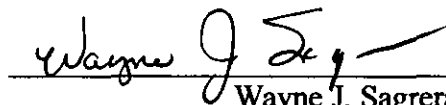
RESOLUTION  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
JULY 7, 2005

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA July 7, 2005.

- WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and
- WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and
- WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and
- WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby adopt the presented tentative season dates for migratory birds which are made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

- (1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and
- (2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

  
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Wayne J. Sagrera, Chairman  
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

### Recommendations for the 2005-06 Mourning Dove Season

Statewide, Split Season, 70-day/12-bird aggregate daily bag and 24-bird aggregate possession

<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Days</i>
Sep. 3 (Sat.)	Sep. 11 (Sun.)	9 days
Oct. 8 (Sat.)	Nov. 13 (Sun.)	37 days
Dec. 17 (Sat.)	Jan. 9 (Mon.)	24 days

Eurasian Collared-Doves and Ringed Turtle-Doves--Eurasian collared-doves and ringed turtle-doves may only be hunted or taken during the open mourning dove season. There is no bag limit on Eurasian collared-doves or ringed turtle-doves provided that a fully feathered wing and head remain attached to the carcass of the bird. Fully dressed Eurasian-collared doves and ringed turtle-doves (those without a fully feathered wing and head naturally attached to the carcass) shall be included in the daily bag limit for mourning doves.

Shooting Hours:      ½ hour before sunrise to sunset, EXCEPT noon to sunset on the opening weekends of each segment (Sep. 3&4, Oct. 8&9, and Dec. 17&18)

**Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries**  
**Early Season Migratory Bird Recommendations (Other than Dove)**  
**2005-06 Hunting Seasons**

**Teal**

Statewide: 9-day/4-bird daily bag and 8-bird possession

<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Days</i>
Sep. 17 (Sat.)	Sep. 25 (Sun.)	9 days

**Rails**

Statewide: Split Season, 70-days

<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Days</i>
Sep. 17 (Sat.)	Sep. 25 (Sun.)	9 days

Remainder to be set in August with the duck regulations

King and Clapper: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate and possession 30 in the aggregate

Sora and Virginia: Daily and possession bag 25 in the aggregate

**Gallinules**

Statewide: Split Season, 70 days

<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Days</i>
Sep. 17 (Sat.)	Sep. 25 (Sun.)	9 days

Remainder to be set in August with the duck regulations

Common and Purple: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate/possession 30 in the aggregate

**Woodcock**

Statewide: Straight Season, 45-day/3-bird daily bag and 6-bird possession

<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Days</i>
Dec. 18 (Sun.)	Jan. 31 (Tue.)	45 days

**Snipe**

Deferred to be set in August with the duck regulations

## **Extended Falconry Season**

### *Mourning Dove*

#### Statewide

<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Days</i>
Sep. 12 (Mon.)	Oct. 7 (Fri.)	26 days
Nov. 14 (Mon.)	Nov. 24 (Thu.)	11 days

Regular Season	70 days
Extended Season	37 days
<i>Total Season</i>	<i>107 days</i>

### *Woodcock*

#### Statewide

<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Days</i>
Oct. 29 (Sat.)	Dec. 17 (Sat.)	50 days
Feb. 1 (Wed.)	Feb. 12 (Sun.)	12 days

Regular Season	45 days
Extended Season	62 days
<i>Total Season</i>	<i>107 days</i>

Falconry daily bag and possession limits for all permitted migratory game birds must not exceed 3 and 6 birds, respectively, singly or in the aggregate, during the extended falconry seasons and regular hunting seasons

Remainder of Extended Falconry Seasons for ducks, rails, and gallinules to be set in August with the duck regulations

## **Shooting and Hawking Hours**

**Teal, Rail, Woodcock, and Gallinule:** One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.





## State of Louisiana

KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO  
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU  
SECRETARY

26 June 2005

Commissioners:

As per Secretary Dwight Landreneau's request, I am updating you on the situation relative to a dove focus group meeting that I held in May at the Baton Rouge office and this year's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's mourning dove regulations frameworks. I contacted 17 persons (at least 1 from each Wildlife Division Region) and requested their participation in a short survey as well as a meeting in Baton Rouge to discuss dove season length, bag limit, and dates.

I know that it was beneficial for me because it gave me some new perspectives relative to how I would approach the season frameworks if the Department was able to zone the state without the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's September 20<sup>th</sup> stipulation on the South Zone. It also provided useful insight relative to how I develop statewide season recommendations as long as the September 20<sup>th</sup> stipulation is in place. I also believed that it was beneficial for the participants to be able to voice their opinions. And, for those who were able to attend the meeting, I think it was valuable for them to see that even within "zones", there were considerable differences in philosophy of how seasons should be structured. For example, of the 6 persons who hunted primarily the "South Zone", 2 wanted a shorter 1<sup>st</sup> Segment, 2 wanted more days in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Segment, and 2 like the way it has been. Similarly, of 8 persons who hunted primarily in the "North Zone", 2 wanted a longer 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Segment, 3 wanted longer 3<sup>rd</sup> Segments and 3 like the way it has been. With that said, it seemed apparent that those hunting in the "North Zone", i.e., north of Lake Charles/Lafayette, were closer in their philosophies than those hunting in the "South Zone".

I indicated during the meeting that it wouldn't be until the week of June 20<sup>th</sup> before the Department would get word on what the dove season frameworks would be. Unfortunately, contrary to what the Eastern Dove Management Unit Technical Committee, Mississippi and Atlantic Flyway Councils, Western Dove Management Technical Committee, and Pacific Flyway Council recommended, last week the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Seasons Regulations Committee elected not to change states' ability to zone without a September 20<sup>th</sup> stipulation for a South Zone. As such, the Department has not recommended dramatic changes from the dove seasons of the past couple of years within the statewide 70-days and 12-birds context.

Our recommended dove season is on accompanying page.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Olinde".

Mike Olinde  
Research Program Manager  
Wildlife Division

## **RESOLUTION**

### **2005-2006 Fur Trapping Season adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission**

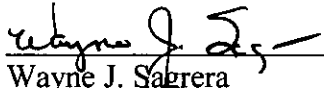
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:259 (A) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of nongame quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953 (B) and R.S. 49:967 (D) of the Administrative Procedure Act allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically led the nation in the production of wild fur with value to the trappers as high as \$24 million in some seasons, and
- WHEREAS, the harvest of this renewable resource is important in providing supplemental income to citizens of the state while furnishing an essential management tool to reduce nuisance wildlife problems, property damage, the impact of prey species, the incident of density dependent disease and provide a measure of population health and general condition, and
- WHEREAS, regulated trapping provides the only practical control of muskrat and nutria populations, an essential part of any effort to protect or enhance coastal wetlands. The role of such trapping cannot be overstated because of the rate of wetland loss and the impact that these wetland grazers are having in southeastern parishes, and
- WHEREAS, during the 2005-2006 trapping season the department will continue the Coastwide Nutria Control Program providing an incentive payment of \$4.00 per nutria tail to participants for up to 400,000 nutria with the objective of reducing damage to coastal wetlands, and
- WHEREAS, the increased commercial harvest of beaver can play a major role in assisting in the reduction of damage to timber, agriculture, drainage, and wildlife habitat, and
- WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum time frame for the harvest of furbearers is between November and March each year, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2005-2006 trapping season, statewide from November 20, 2005 through March 31, 2006, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the trapping season on all of the Department's Wildlife Management Areas will be opened from November 20, 2005, through March 31, 2006, except the Acadiana Conservation Corridor, Floy Ward McElroy, Elbow Slough and Sandy Hollow WMAs where the trapping season will remain closed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the trapping season in any area of the state, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2005-2006 trapping season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

  
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Wayne J. Sagrera  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES**  
**WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION**

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:259 (A) which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of non-game quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year and in accordance with emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953 (B) and R.S. 49:967 (D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2005-2006 trapping season, statewide from November 20, 2005 through March 31, 2006 including all Department Wildlife Management Areas except Acadiana Conservation Corridor, Floy Ward McElroy, Elbow Slough and Sandy Hollow where the trapping season will remain closed. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the adopted season.

Wayne J. Sagrera  
Chairman

## **RESULTS OF THE 2004-2005 TRAPPING SEASON AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2005-2006 TRAPPING SEASON**

### **Results of the 2004-2005 Trapping Season**

License records indicate a total of 1,597 trapping licenses were sold during the 2004-2005 trapping season. This is a slight increase over last season's (1,432). The 1,597 sold in 2004-2005 is the largest number of trapping licenses sold since 1997 - 1998 and is almost double the trapping licenses sold in 2001 - 2002. Attached is a copy of trapping license sales from the season 1950-1951 - through the 2004-2005 season.

Also attached is a copy of the 2004-2005 Fur Harvest. The total of 321,124 animals harvested (all species) was down 35,305 from the previous season's total of 356,429. The total value of the 2004-2005 fur harvest was estimated at \$1,778,635.14. This was down \$297,172.65 from the previous season.

### **Nutria Harvest**

The nutria harvest (297,535) decreased by 35,061 from the previous season total of 332,596. The average nutria pelt price paid during this past season was \$1.50, a decrease of \$.42 from the previous year (\$1.92). However, an additional \$4 was paid for all nutria taken during the Coastwide Nutria Control Program(CNCP). The total value of the nutria harvest decreased from \$1,330,384 to \$1,190,140.

### **Coastwide Nutria Control Program**

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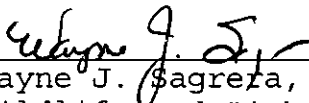
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with public notification provisions specified in R.S. 56:497, that the Commission authorizes the Secretary, through Declaration of Emergency, to open and close the 2005 fall shrimp season in inside waters provided technical and biological data indicate that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities are available for harvest, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate a Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates if biological or technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop and to close and reopen all or parts of state outside waters if significant numbers of small white shrimp are found in these waters.

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Wayne J. Sagera, Chairman  
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission



## State of Louisiana

KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO  
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU  
SECRETARY

June 30, 2005

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Wayne Sagera  
Terry Denmon  
Henry Mouton  
Bobby Samanie  
Earl King  
Frederic Miller  
Patrick Morrow

**FROM:** John Roussel, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fisheries

JER - MB

**SUBJECT:** Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission – July Agenda

As you are aware, the Department continuously monitors the environmental conditions and distribution, abundance and growth of shrimp populations along the coast in an effort to guide the appropriate opening and closing of shrimp seasons. Last year at the request of the Department, the Commission at its July meeting authorized the Secretary to open the Fall Inshore Shrimp Season prior to the Commission's scheduled August meeting provided biological and technical data indicated that marketable shrimp in sufficient quantities were available for harvest.


The most recent biological sampling data provide some indication that white shrimp in inside waters may potentially reach marketable sizes before the Commission meets on August 4 and considers fixing the dates for the 2005 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season. However, the Department feels that the data remains inadequate at this time to recommend to you any action which would authorize the Secretary to open or close the fall shrimp season in all or parts of state inside waters.

The Department will continue to monitor the state's shrimp resource through early next week and examine the biological and technical data in order to further evaluate the potential for recommending an additional item to your July meeting agenda authorizing the Secretary to open or close the Fall Shrimp Season.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

JER/MJB



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March 21, 2005

Dear Dr. Skinner:

In response to your phone call and subsequent email, I believe the letter to Mary Myrick is still pertinent and reflects my thoughts about the potential for pet nonhuman primates to be a threat to human contacts.

One must always be aware of the health of the pet as an indication of whether it might be suffering from an infectious disease. If the pet has been through a quarantine period and has been in apparent good health, it is more likely the animal has been infected by a human contact. However, it still can pass the infection on to human contacts.

There is still the problem of potential injury to human contacts, especially infants, by way of bites or scratches. This is generally not of great importance, but there have been instances of chimpanzees causing severe bite injuries requiring that they had to be destroyed to stop the attack. This problem is not as likely to be as severe with New World monkeys, but the larger Asian and African monkeys need to be under more control.

Finally, the attitude of governmental officials treating all species the same is rather disconcerting. There should be some recognition that not all nonhuman primates present the same threat by virtue of the fact that their viral, bacterial and other microbiological flora varies from species to species. For example, the New World monkey's microbial flora appears to be less of a threat to humans than the human flora threat to the monkeys.

I hope that this letter, along with my previous letter, will be of some help. I retired at the end of 2004 and I am at the laboratory sporadically until I move to my new home in Utah. Dr. David Martin and Anthony Cooke can help you with any question you may have. If they don't know the answer they can contact me and I may be able to help.

Good luck!

Richard L. Heberling, PhD  
Consultant



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- FLOW CYTOMETRY
- CANCER MARKERS

November 19, 1999

Mary Myrick  
Simian Society of America  
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Dear Ms Myrick:

As you know, our laboratory has many years of experience in testing monkeys and apes for evidence of virus infections. Most of our testing is done on primates used for experimental studies, but a substantial number of tests have been done on zoo and pet primates. There is always concern for the possibility that human contacts may acquire virus infections from these animal, but for the most part, this fear has not been warranted in reference to primates kept as pets.

The greatest fear has always been the potential for herpes B virus infections. Human infections with this virus are, of course, serious and have led to number of deaths. This virus is found naturally in macaques and, therefore, this species should be monitored for evidence of B virus infection. Of the pet macaques that we have tested for this virus, only a few have shown evidence of a positive B virus serology. I think this may be attributed to the fact that most pet macaques are acquired as infants and it is known that B virus infections generally occur after the monkeys mature and become sexually active. In any event, it is wise to remove a pet macaque to a controlled environment if it shows evidence of B virus infection.

When considering apes and New World monkeys B virus is not considered to be a problem, as this virus is not found in these primate species. In general, the viral flora of New World monkeys does not appear to be a threat to humans. I know of no report that a virus from New World monkeys has infected a human. The only virus I am aware of that might infect humans is hepatitis A. This virus, or a related strain, has been isolated from owl monkeys, but there has never been an established human infection from this species. If this did occur, it is likely a human infected the monkey and, therefore, transmission from human to human is more likely. Further, unlike B virus, this virus does not persist in an infected animal once the clinical disease resolves.

Although I do not support monkeys as pets, I realize that many people feel very strongly about their pet monkeys. With appropriate personal hygiene and testing for TB and B virus in order to determine the potential threat of these diseases, there should not be an infectious disease problem. I do not support the destruction of antibody positive animals. There are facilities that can handle these animals with proper care. There should be some effort to educate owners of primate pets about the proper handling of these animals and the necessity for providing proper protection against traumatic attacks on casual observers.

Sincerely,

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J.R. Nida, M.D., Commissioner

October 29, 1999

Mary Myrick  
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116

Dear Ms. Myrick

The Oklahoma State Department of Health has been asked our position regarding the subject of non-human primates and their proposed regulation.

There has been increasing concern by the public health community regarding the increased ownership of many exotic animals and any disease spreading potential they may have or may develop in the future. Non-human primates have been one of several species of concern. We do believe there is sufficient evidence of potential for herpes B in macaques to recommend testing for them.

Based on the evidence available at this point in time we are unable to find scientific consensus which would cause us to recommend regulation of the majority of non-human primates. More specifically, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), which the public health community generally depends on for direction regarding serious public health matters has not issued any official policy on this subject.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (405) 271-4200.

Sincerely,

J.R. Nida, M.D.  
Commissioner of Health

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APPENDIX 2

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
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March 23, 1959

Dr. Murray Blane  
Assistant Dean  
Tufts Medical School  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Blane:

Dr. M. J. Willard has asked that I address the problem of zoonoses related to the use of cebus monkeys in her project with quadriplegics. It seems that three specific considerations are worth discussing including primate species involved, their source or point of origin, and the nature of the possible infectious agents concerned.

The cebus monkey is a New World species with no known viral or bacterial pathogens carried or transmitted between other monkeys or humans. Among primates the only two species of consequence in this regard are the rhesus (which transmits B-virus) and the African Green monkey (which has been associated with an isolated incidence of lethal disease for humans with the Marburg virus). The infectivity or danger associated with these two viruses is less than clear, since most feral rhesus monkeys carry a titer for B-virus but very few humans exposed to these monkeys ever contract the disease.

Bacterial flora are probably of no appreciable consequence in isolated, hand-reared monkeys any more than other domestic species such as the dog or cat would be under such circumstances. In ten years of raising cebus monkeys in our research facilities, we have not identified a risk associated with handling or caring for these animals.

In my opinion, the isolated use of such monkeys of known origin and maintained in a healthy environment away from other monkeys as potential vectors for transmission of unknown agents is reasonable and safe. The benefits accrued from their use will far outweigh any risk associated with their presence.

Sincerely yours,

K. C. Hayes

K. C. Hayes, M.D., Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of Nutrition

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Bob Salcido--  
Nevada Health Dept  
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What would your procedure be for a monkey bite where rabies were suspected?

I have checked back over the last 40 years and so far Nevada does not have a monkey bite/ rabies case on record. There is no vaccine for monkeys and no period of known quarantine you can follow for suspicion of rabies, so our guidelines state the recommendation that any rabies-bearing animal be euthanized. Sometimes we have gone off that procedure. Then we ask for a strict veterinarian quarantine of 6 months. The owner of the monkey would be responsible for paying the cost of the quarantine, but under our current law it is not clear who would pay for the victim's post-bite prophylaxis--hopefully the owner of the animal. We are trying to clarify that in our law now. The post-exposure prophylaxis consists of 5 shots, one each on day zero, day three, day seven, day fourteen and day twenty eight. The cost can be as high as \$800.00. If we allow quarantine, the victim needs to take the prophylaxis, and if rabies is suspected and the animal is euthanized and found rabid, the victim still has to take the prophylaxis. We would want a reason to suspect that the animal had been exposed to rabies. However, we are really not supposed to answer hypothetical questions. We want to answer questions which deal with actual facts.

What is the incidence of rabies in Nevada?

Nevada is a good state as far as having a low incidence of rabies. The primary rabies carriers are bats and coyotes, though one skunk was found rabid last year. There are several types of bats that carry rabies. The Mexican free-tail is one.

When do you make an exception to the euthanasia procedure?

Generally speaking--again we would rather not answer hypothetical questions--in the case of very expensive animal like a tiger, we would make a consideration. Also we would have to have reason to suspect the tiger to have been exposed to rabies. Say a tiger performing in a show scratches someone. We would probably not suspect the tiger of being rabid.

What do you consider to be a very expensive animal?

We do have some exotic animals which people keep in Nevada, but we had one case with a pet ferret, so expense is not the only consideration. The people really loved their pet ferret and did not want it euthanized, so we allowed the quarantine and the prophylaxis for the victim.

So you do make a consideration for people's love of their animals?

Oh yes. None of the questions you pose are easy ones. If we followed the regulations exactly, we'd have some very unhappy people. Of course our first recommendation has to be euthanasia and in the interest of public safety, if we know for a fact that an animal has been exposed to rabies, we would want to euthanize it. But I have to say that although with every case we take on, we follow guidelines, we do consider each one a unique case and act accordingly, checking into the circumstances surrounding the case and so on before we make a decision.

## **Letter of Intent proposed to Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries, and Wildlife & Fisheries Commission**

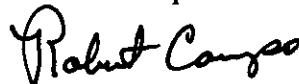
A group of Louisiana oyster harvesters and oyster farmers from St. Bernard Parish, who suffered low production from the traditional state seed grounds during the 2004 and 2005 oyster season, were concerned with the condition of the state seed ground for the upcoming 2005 and 2006 oyster season. The area oystermen, wildlife and fisheries, and the enforcement and biologist share common knowledge that there exist an abundant quantity of mature and seed oyster stock that are not being utilized because they lie inside what is commonly referred to as "The Redline". The Redline is the boundary that designates the various state seed grounds.

We are currently working with area oyster harvesters, area lease holders, La. Dept. of wildlife and fisheries oyster division, and the La. Dept. of wildlife and fisheries enforcement division to develop a program whereby oyster harvesters can utilize the vast renewable resource in the area that surrounds the various lease holders as well as areas where no oyster leases exist. But, are still not accessible to oyster harvesters under the present system.

Our plan is to develop a limited experimental sack season for the Lake Borgne area in question, that is not presently open to harvesters. Our proposal includes a special permit and bond to participate, if you should see fit to grant the oyster harvesters this opportunity to utilize the resource in our own back yards. We anticipate having the plan finalized in a couple of weeks. You will be provided a complete copy of the plans as soon as they are completed. We ask that you place it on next month's agenda so it can be discussed and voted on. Once you receive the proposal if you have any questions, concerns, or clarification, please contact Mr. Robert Campo @ 504-239-5165 or 504-276-8203.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Campo



La. Oyster Farmers  
Member of the U.C.F.A.

# MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
<b>FISCAL YEAR 1993-94</b>								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
<b>Total FY 1994</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>\$425,242.00</b>	<b>(\$68,670.00)</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>\$71,474.00</b>	<b>\$45,547.00</b>	<b>27.5%</b>	<b>79.6%</b>
<b>FISCAL YEAR 1994-95</b>								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$98,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$805.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,428.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
<b>Total FY 1995</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>\$437,347.00</b>	<b>(\$26,049.00)</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>\$49,726.00</b>	<b>\$29,543.00</b>	<b>18.1%</b>	<b>70.0%</b>
<b>FICAL YEAR 1995-96</b>								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,728.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
<b>Total FY 1996</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>\$360,141.33</b>	<b>(\$15,296.45)</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>\$60,786.65</b>	<b>\$30,350.37</b>	<b>25.3%</b>	<b>70.1%</b>
<b>FISCAL YEAR 1996-97</b>								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.98		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,897.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
<b>Total FY 1997</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>\$410,372.70</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>\$52,793.94</b>	<b>\$27,290.36</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>92.9%</b>
<b>FICAL YEAR 1997 - 98</b>								
July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		



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Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.86		
Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,981.69	\$8,501.18		
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53		
Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,802.62	\$1,279.77		
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46		
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00		

<b>Total FY 1998</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>\$210,774.07</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>\$59,317.43</b>	<b>\$27,672.72</b>	<b>41.3%</b>	<b>82.4%</b>
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## FISCAL YEAR 1998 - 99

July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,984.20	\$716.75		
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47		
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23		
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48		
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43		
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71		
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22		
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61		
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44		
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41		
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00		
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83		

<b>Total FY 1999</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>\$128,060.97</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>\$47,054.87</b>	<b>\$23,405.58</b>	<b>55.0%</b>	<b>96.2%</b>
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## FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81		
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73		
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	(\$5,324.80)	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93		
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	(\$567.75)	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41		
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96		
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.78	\$2,126.27		
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02		
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42		
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40		
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54		
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	(\$293.60)	20	\$7,062.23	\$3,164.00		
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		18	\$5,766.59	\$1,852.12		

<b>Total FY 2000</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>\$111,367.29</b>	<b>(\$6,186.15)</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>\$58,777.65</b>	<b>\$26,309.61</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>137%</b>
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## FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

July, 2000	2	\$865.01		14	\$1,948.03	\$154.01		
Aug., 2000	20	\$15,837.60		17	\$3,302.27	\$1,063.92		
Sept., 2000	12	\$3,562.26		23	\$8,718.21	\$1,351.41		
Oct., 2000	18	\$122,696.24		29	\$7,457.98	\$490.16		
Nov. 2000	13	\$15,851.30		22	\$4,038.50	\$309.30		
Dec., 2000	40	\$30,234.92		24	\$7,189.98	\$462.13		
Jan., 2001	28	\$15,923.38		25	\$7,611.66	\$833.80		
Feb., 2001	35	\$20,181.39		30	\$18,568.12	\$1,917.82		
Mar., 2001	8	\$5,956.83		37	\$15,724.02	\$753.86		
Apr., 2001	20	\$24,145.82		22	\$4,856.39	\$225.93		
May 2001	4	\$1,677.36		20	\$3,700.77	\$313.58		
June 2001	3	\$932.20		31	\$8,433.81	\$346.90		

<b>Total FY 2001</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>\$257,864.31</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>\$91,549.74</b>	<b>\$8,222.62</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>145%</b>
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## FISCAL YEAR 2001-02

July, 2001	4	\$4,290.29		25	\$6,328.36	\$293.54		
Aug., 2001	6	\$9,452.69		18	\$2,984.52			
Sept., 2001	0	\$175.00		25	\$4,157.32	\$66.29		
Oct., 2001	15	\$6,439.06		18	\$3,174.66	\$67.32		
Nov., 2001	15	\$5,913.63		24	\$3,932.41	\$194.66		
Dec., 2001	38	\$21,868.88		20	\$5,384.19	\$502.17		
Jan., 2002	56	\$27,650.44		38	\$11,100.99	\$1,008.09		
Feb., 2002	27	\$14,211.31	(\$620.55)	37	\$20,017.87	\$861.63		
Mar., 2002	8	\$6,765.68		36	\$10,061.89	\$419.16		
Apr., 2002	20	\$11,296.19		19	\$2,196.02	\$49.33		
May, 2002	3	\$30,852.57	(\$11,887.80)	27	\$8,265.67	\$538.72		
June, 2002	3	\$8,636.08		23	\$3,418.15	\$87.91		

<b>Total FY 2002</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>\$147,551.82</b>	<b>(\$12,508.35)</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>\$81,022.05</b>	<b>\$4,088.82</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>161%</b>
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# MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

## FISCAL YEAR 2002-03

July, 2002	8	\$6,915.26	20	\$3,306.14	\$111.90
Aug., 2002	12	\$11,943.66	24	\$4,010.98	\$47.33
Sept., 2002	6	\$1,944.83	19	\$4,824.36	\$85.25
Oct., 2002	24	\$12,167.99	25	\$7,131.20	\$442.95
Nov., 2002	21	\$11,013.41	27	\$8,688.51	\$624.99
Dec., 2002	32	\$15,763.99	23	\$7,660.18	\$689.95
Jan., 2003	58	\$32,391.55	22	\$7,149.09	\$562.34
Feb., 2003	33	\$18,426.48	40	\$13,988.00	\$1,122.57
Mar., 2003	13	\$3,668.17	28	\$9,342.76	\$643.57
Apr., 2003	16	\$5,661.77	23	\$3,004.29	\$269.02
May, 2003	11	\$5,801.24	20	\$5,252.90	\$293.69
June, 2003	11	\$6,700.71	24	\$6,907.49	\$224.85

<b>Total FY 2003</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>\$132,399.06</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>\$81,067.90</b>	<b>\$5,118.41</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>120%</b>
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## FISCAL YEAR 2003-04

July, 2003	7	\$1,742.90	17	\$3,502.99	\$30.27
Aug., 2003	13	\$5,254.98	16	\$3,131.76	\$126.78
Sept., 2003	13	\$15,161.55	17	\$3,797.61	\$285.74
Oct., 2003	14	\$14,153.21	24	\$6,084.13	\$188.45
Nov., 2003	17	\$7,594.12	18	\$4,500.13	\$245.00
Dec., 2003	45	\$22,244.61	23	\$8,965.74	\$702.59
Jan., 2004	32	\$17,609.03	22	\$7,016.24	\$685.11
Feb., 2004	19	\$10,856.76	38	\$14,262.81	\$1,133.21
Mar., 2004	17	\$14,927.35	32	\$11,840.30	\$647.13
Apr., 2004	15	\$7,481.48	19	\$4,666.57	\$284.61
May, 2004	13	\$4,300.96	19	\$3,608.61	\$228.47
June, 2004	4	\$31,164.87	24	\$6,629.45	\$249.47

<b>Total FY 2004</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>\$152,491.82</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>\$78,006.34</b>	<b>\$4,806.83</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>129%</b>
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## FISCAL YEAR 2004-05

July, 2004	3	\$29,750.20	13	\$1,343.60	\$62.86
Aug., 2004	8	\$3,706.10	18	\$2,880.20	
Sept., 2004	11	\$3,623.86	24	\$4,407.31	\$201.50
Oct., 2004	13	\$3,560.84	31	\$9,987.75	\$300.45
Nov., 2004	12	\$4,627.15	26	\$5,997.36	\$179.42
Dec., 2004	62	\$35,332.31	29	\$7,712.43	\$608.33
Jan., 2005	45	\$26,627.20	45	\$13,547.56	\$1,187.89
Feb., 2005	42	\$20,619.21	44	\$15,119.91	\$1,153.91
Mar., 2005	9	\$4,464.72	45	\$13,969.33	\$1,213.93
Apr., 2005	4	\$1,551.31	18	\$2,563.30	\$104.90
May, 2005	8	\$3,607.14	11	\$1,367.26	\$109.70
June, 2005					

<b>Total FY 2005</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>\$137,470.04</b>	<b>(\$1,801.90)</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>\$78,896.03</b>	<b>\$5,122.89</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>140%</b>
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT  
CURRENT MONTH  
05/01/2005 TO 05/31/2005

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	8	\$3,607.14
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	20	\$500.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	8	\$4,107.14
PAYMENTS	6	\$1,142.26-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	2	\$125.00-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	1	\$50.00-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	1	\$25.00-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	1	\$25.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	3	\$109.70-
OVERPAYMENTS	1	\$0.01
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	1	\$524.54-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	4	\$2,098.16-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	0	\$0.00
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FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE  
07/01/2004 TO 05/31/2005

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	217	\$136,045.04
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	77	\$1,900.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	217	\$137,945.04
PAYMENTS	162	\$67,740.30-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	11	\$2,679.10-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	27	\$5,403.78-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	7	\$2,147.85-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	38	\$925.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	112	\$5,122.89-
OVERPAYMENTS	7	\$1.66
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	1	\$52.45
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$1,801.90-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	1	\$510.70
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	2	\$1,962.91-
WRITE-OFFS	2	\$0.70-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	5	\$1,394.72-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	8	\$4,196.32-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	1	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	1	\$3,416.76-

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FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	2	\$2,139.00
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT  
 INCEPTION TO DATE  
 05/31/2005

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	5,064	\$3,519,774.46
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	547	\$14,200.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	138	\$58,209.82
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	5,064	\$3,322,318.83
PAYMENTS	3,466	\$829,686.27-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	46	\$11,532.40-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	111	\$40,236.95-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	45	\$29,459.02-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	275	\$7,075.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	2,418	\$271,331.37-
OVERPAYMENTS	151	\$361.10
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	75	\$12,940.46
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	18	\$46,057.55-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	6	\$7,291.24
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	8	\$45,896.70
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$61.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	3	\$55.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	69	\$41,108.64-
WRITE-OFFS	1,059	\$1,478,957.19-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	9	\$4,717.56-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	45	\$22,476.91-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	103	\$203,949.68-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	1	\$2,134.47-
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	3	\$559.32-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	1	\$524.54-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	2	\$11,573.34-
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	334	\$394,415.80

## FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	41	\$110,147.20 *
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## AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	4	\$11,289.40
31 - 60 DAYS	4	\$6,022.00
61 - 90 DAYS	1	\$103.00
91 - 120 DAYS	7	\$4,452.98
121 - 150 DAYS	0	\$0.00
151 - 180 DAYS	2	\$9,765.90
181 - 365 DAYS	73	\$34,576.13
OVER ONE YEAR	80	\$73,041.69
OVER TWO YEARS	55	\$70,158.35
OVER THREE YEARS	1,106	\$784,205.09
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** TOTAL AGING	1,332	\$993,614.54
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## AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

## COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CAN NOT BE INVOICED	0	\$0.00
CURRENT	7	\$2,804.64
1 - 30 DAYS	2	\$831.86
31 - 90 DAYS	22	\$12,346.00
91 - 180 DAYS	45	\$25,685.19
181 - 365 DAYS	12	\$32,569.84
OVER ONE YEAR	158	\$149,714.12

## COLLECTIONS WITH PRIVATE COLLECTIONS FIRM:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	83	\$81,954.05

## AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	5	\$88,510.10
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** TOTAL AGING	334	\$394,415.80
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT  
CURRENT MONTH  
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DATE: 06/01/2005

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	0	\$0.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	441	\$11,025.00
CREDITS	5	\$125.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	19	\$152.50
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL DUE		\$11,052.50

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PAID IN FULL	71	\$5,421.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1	\$75.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	57	\$3,425.84-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	52	\$216.00-
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
REFUNDS	3	\$211.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	0	\$0.00
NOT GUILTY	4	\$200.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	21	\$1,050.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE  
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DATE: 06/01/2005

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	37	\$2,250.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	2,291	\$60,840.00
CREDITS	18	\$900.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	1,465	\$12,564.50
CREDITS	1	\$7.50-
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TOTAL DUE		\$74,747.00

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PAID IN FULL	1,652	\$113,682.52-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	43	\$2,462.50-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	334	\$19,582.41-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	299	\$1,220.00-
WRITE-OFFS	1	\$0.50-
OVERPAYMENTS	6	\$32.02
REFUNDS	47	\$1,472.00
RETURNED CHECKS	2	\$157.50
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	2	\$40.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	3	\$150.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	13	\$650.00-
NOT GUILTY	46	\$2,300.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	57	\$3,000.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	2	\$100.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT  
INCEPTION TO DATE  
05/31/2005

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	115,444	\$5,963,282.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	35,815	\$910,361.30
CREDITS	19	\$12,516.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	3,357	\$27,822.25
CREDITS	1	\$7.50-
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TOTAL DUE		\$6,888,942.12

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PAID IN FULL	72,019	\$3,907,015.34-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,834	\$87,456.25-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	14	\$690.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	33	\$345.00-
DEPT OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS	698	\$41,843.94-
DEPT OF REVENUE FEES	623	\$2,552.00-
WRITE-OFFS	11,978	\$696,471.50-
OVERPAYMENTS	202	\$4,320.88
REFUNDS	467	\$19,881.81
RETURNED CHECKS	80	\$4,282.50
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	77	\$1,255.00
CREDITS	170	\$141.88-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	259	\$15,200.00
CREDITS	46	\$2,600.00-
VOIDS	5,787	\$291,700.00-
NOT GUILTY	1,352	\$68,750.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	327	\$17,200.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	13	\$650.00-
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	161	\$8,100.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$1,808,366.40

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## AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

## COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CURRENT	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00
31 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	432	\$38,831.50
OVER ONE YEAR	15,463	\$1,173,108.84

## COLLECTIONS WITH DEPT OF REVENUE:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	7,609	\$596,201.06

## AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	3	\$225.00

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** TOTAL AGING	23,507	\$1,808,366.40
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## AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	0	\$0.00
0 - 90 DAYS	24	\$1,200.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 270 DAYS	381	\$33,181.00
271 - 365 DAYS	770	\$74,880.50
OVER ONE YEAR	22,332	\$1,699,104.90

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** TOTAL AGING	23,507	\$1,808,366.40
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## NEWS RELEASE

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07-05-05

### AMENDED AGENDA FOR JULY L.W.F.C. MEETING

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has scheduled the next regular public board meeting for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2005, at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

1. Roll call
2. Approval of minutes of June 2, 2005
3. Commission special announcements
4. Enforcement & aviation reports/June
5. Rule ratification - 2005-2008 season dates and bag limits
6. Rule ratification - general and WMA hunting rules & regulations
7. Tentative dates for early season migratory birds (dove, rail, snipe, woodcock and teal)
8. Declaration of emergency - set 2005-2006 fur trapping season
9. Public information video update
10. Resolution – 2005 Fall inshore shrimp season
11. Set November 2005 meeting date
12. Public comments
13. Adjournment

July 5, 2005

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_



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Approved by Mr. Sagera  
1:50 PM - 7/5/2005 - sf

**Falcon, Susan**

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**From:** Roussel, John E  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2005 1:46 PM  
**To:** Foote, Karen  
**Cc:** Porch, Pat; Falcon, Susan; Bourgeois, Martin; Hanifen, Jim  
**Subject:** RE: LWFC - July Agenda Item

OK. Will Susan talk with the Chairman or is that my responsibility? If he approves have someone contact the remaining Commissioners.

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**From:** Foote, Karen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2005 1:40 PM  
**To:** Roussel, John E  
**Cc:** Porch, Pat; Falcon, Susan; Bourgeois, Martin; Hanifen, Jim  
**Subject:** FW: LWFC - July Agenda Item

John- Per Susan, items can be added up to 24 hours in advance, and with 2/3 vote of Commission at the meeting. I recommend we add the following shrimp agenda item to the July Commission agenda:

Resolution - 2005 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season - Marty Bourgeois

If you approve, please let me know and I will forward the paperwork to Susan. If Chairman Segrara approves of the addition, we can notify other Commissioners if you would like us to.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bourgeois, Martin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2005 1:33 PM  
**To:** Foote, Karen  
**Subject:** LWFC - July Agenda Item

I recommend that we request the addition of a new item (Resolution - 2005 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season) to the July Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission July meeting agenda. The most current data provides some indication that white shrimp in inside waters may potentially reach marketable sizes before the LWFC meets on Aug 4 and considers fixing the fall season dates. If the resolution is approved, it would provide the Department with opportunity to exercise added flexibility in managing the state's shrimp resource, provided the biological and technical data indicate an early opening is warranted.

Changed  
7/5/2005

AGENDA  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
BATON ROUGE, LA  
July 7, 2005  
9:30 AM

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2005
3. Commission Special Announcements
4. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/June - Keith LaCaze
5. Rule Ratification - 2005-2008 Season Dates and Bag Limits  
- Jimmy Anthony
6. Rule Ratification - General and WMA Hunting Rules &  
Regulations - Jimmy Anthony
7. Tentative Dates for Early Season Migratory Birds (Dove,  
Rail, Snipe, Woodcock and Teal) - Mike Olinde
8. Declaration of Emergency - Set 2005-2006 Fur Trapping  
Season - Edmond Mouton
9. Public Information Video Update - Marianne Burke
10. Set November 2005 Meeting Date
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## NEWS RELEASE

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06-30-05

### L.W.F.C. SETS JULY AGENDA

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## State of Louisiana


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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

DWIGHT LANDRENEAU  
SECRETARY

June 28, 2005

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TO: Chairman and Members of Commission  
FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary   
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### WINTON VIDRINE

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### OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

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PUBLIC INFORMATION SECTION

9. Video Update

OFFICE OF FISHERIES

(None)

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11. Public Comments

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NEWS RELEASE

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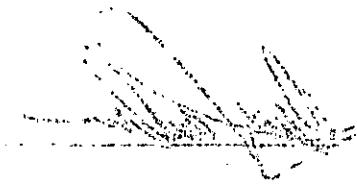
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June 28, 2007

WMA 2007-2008



WMA 2007-2008 COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2007
3. Presentation of Special Announcements
4. Presentation of Wildlife Reports
5. Wildlife - 2007-2008 Season Data and Log (1 hr)
6. Wildlife - General and WMA Board Rules - 1 hour
7. Wildlife - 2007-2008 Season Data and Log (1 hr)
8. Presentation of Reports - 2007-2008 for Reporting Season
9. Public Input and Video Update
10. Presentation of 2007-2008 Meeting Data
11. Presentation of Comments
12. Adjourn

faxed 6/23/2005  
8:48AM

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FAX

**To:** Wayne Sagrera  
**Fax #:** 337-893-7703  
**Subject:** July Agenda  
**Date:** June 23, 2005  
**Pages:** 3, including this cover sheet.

*Approved by  
Mr Sagrera  
6/23/2005  
8:52 AM*

COMMENTS:

Please review the attached agenda for the July 7 Commission Meeting and then give me a call. As you will notice, there will not be an item asking for public comments on the hunting season dates, as per the recommendation of Don Puckett. He stated it could invite problems, as I am sure you realize, for the Commission if changes were made at this last meeting. Thanks.

From the desk of...

Susan Falcon

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Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

225-765-2806  
Fax: 225-765-0948

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Fur + Refuge Division  
DE - Setting 2005/2006  
Fur Trapping Season  
Edmond Mouton



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Given to me June 23, 2005  
by Phil Bowman

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Marianne Burke ✓

*Public Information update video.  
Hause Only*



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- 1) Ratification of hunting season dates for 05/06 - Jimmy Anthony.
- 2) ~~Tentative Dates for~~ ~~Dec. of Emergency -~~ early migratory birds 2005/06 Season. Mike Olinda.



Inland Fisheries

No agenda

items

(per phone call

from Bennie

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10:47AM)

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*\*No items to add - DL*  
*6/13/05*



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**ATTENTION!!**

**ALL PERSONS WISHING TO  
SPEAK OR SUBMIT COMMENTS  
AT COMMISSION MEETINGS  
ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT  
A COMMENT CARD.**

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTENDANT AT THE ENTRANCE  
TO THE LOUISIANA ROOM FOR CARDS AND ASSISTANCE.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 7/7/05 Agenda Item Number: 5

Topic: AREA 6 Bow hunting

☒ I would like to speak.

☐ I do not wish to speak.

☐ I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

☐ I am AGAINST the proposal.

☐ Other (Explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Randy Seibert  
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: 881-9781

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☐ Other (Explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Eugene White  
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_



LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 7/8/05 Agenda Item Number: 12

Topic: Regulations regarding Comments



I would like to speak.



I do not wish to speak.



I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.



I am AGAINST the proposal.



Other (Explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Joseph Kirkland  
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 12611 Adams Run Dr.

Telephone: 281-955-5486

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
COMMENT CARD

Meeting Date: 7/7/05 Agenda Item Number: 12

Topic: Letter of Intent Proposed to D.W.F. & O.W.F. Commission

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I would like to speak.

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I do not wish to speak.

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I am IN FAVOR of the proposal.

☐

I am AGAINST the proposal.

☐

Other (Explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert Campo  
(PLEASE PRINT)

Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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